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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1862.

The SPEAKER called the house to order at 12 o'clock M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Solomon of the Baptist church.

The proclamation of the governor convening the general assembly, was read as follows:

BY THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA—A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it is represented by many citizens of this state, that it is impossible to obtain supplies of the necessary article of salt, except at fabulous prices, and even then not in sufficient quantities to supply the demand; and a portion of the salt works of this commonwealth, from which a large quantity of salt was derived, being in the possession of the public enemy, and the remaining works being owned by private persons, and carried on by private enterprise, are insufficient to furnish the amount necessary for the consumption of our own people, and yet a large proportion of the annual product of the works is continually exported into the neighboring states:

And whereas the importation of foreign salt has been prevented by the blockade of our ports, and it is not probable that the demand can be supplied from that source; and the season is rapidly advancing when it will be necessary to salt up meats for the ensuing year, to provide our armies and people with suitable provisions; and the legislature having made no appropriation of money to purchase or to manufacture this essential article, or to provide a remedy:

Therefore, by virtue of authority vested in the executive by the constitution, I, John Letcher, governor of the commonwealth of Virginia, do hereby convene the general assembly, to take the subject into consideration, and to legislate further for the interest of the commonwealth, as they may deem proper, hereby proclaiming to the senators and delegates of the general assembly, that they are required to assemble at the capitol in the city of Richmond, on the fifteenth day of September next, at 12 o'clock.

[SEAL.] Given under my hand as governor, and under the seal of the commonwealth, at Richmond, this 19th day of August in the year 1862, and in the 87th year of the commonwealth.

JOHN LETCHER.

By the governor:

GEORGE W. MUNFORD,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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WILLIAM AMBERS, a delegate elected from the county of Chesterfield, to supply a vacancy created by the resignation of CHARLES T. FRIEND; HENRY L. HOPKINS, a delegate elected from the city of Petersburg, to supply a vacancy created by the resignation of CHAS. F. COLLIER; R. F. TAYLOR, a delegate elected from the election district composed of the counties of Amelia and Nottoway, to supply a vacancy created by the resignation of RICHARD IRBY—severally appeared, were qualified, and took their seats.

The roll was then called, and the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskervill, Blue, Bouldin, Carter, Clarke, R. J. Davis, Eggleston, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Garrison, Gatewood, George, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lynn, Magruder, Mallory, Mathews, McCamant, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Rowan, Rutherford, Shannon, Sherrard, Spady, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Walker, Williams, S. Wilson, Woolfolk, Wootten, Worsham and Wynne.

No quorum appearing, on motion of Mr. JONES, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1862.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Doggett of the Methodist church.

S. A. COFFMAN, a delegate elected from the county of Rockingham, to supply a vacancy created by the resignation of JOHN C. WOODSON, appeared, was qualified, and took his seat.

The roll was then called, when the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Blue, Bouldin, Brooks, Buford, Carter, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, R. J. Davis, Edmunds, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Magruder, Mallory, Mathews, McCamant, Minor, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Rowan, Rutherford, Shannon, Sherrard, Spady, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vaiden, Vermillion, Walker, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson, Woolfolk, Wootten, Worsham and Wynne.

A quorum appearing,

On motion of Mr. McCAMANT,

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to inform the governor that this house has convened in pursuance of his proclamation of the 19th ultimo, and a quorum being now present, is ready to receive any communication he may have to submit.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee: Messrs. McCamant, Mallory and Gilmer.

Subsequently, Mr. McCAMANT, from the committee, reported that the committee had discharged the duty assigned them, and that the governor would communicate a message to the house immediately.

The governor's message was then received, read, and on motion of Mr. RIVES, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

[For message, see Doc. No. 1, appended to this volume.]

On motion of Mr. TOMLIN, leave of absence was granted to H. T. BURRUSS, the sergeant at arms, during the illness of his family.

Mr. WOOLFOLK submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, that a special committee be appointed to enquire into the manner in which Messrs. Stuart, Buchanan & Co. of the Smyth and Washington counties salt works, have complied with their county and corporation contracts for furnishing salt ; also, how far they have complied with their professions about allowing their salt to go into the hands of speculators, instead of being used to comply with their contracts : that the said committee be authorized to send for persons and papers, to be examined by them in making the said examination.

Mr. BASKERVILL moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the entire resolution, and inserting the following :

“ Resolved, that so much of the governor’s message as relates to the procuring an adequate supply of salt for the people of this commonwealth, be referred to a joint committee of the two houses, to consist of members on the part of the senate, and members on the part of the house.”

The question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. MALLORY submitted the following preamble and resolution ; which, on motion of Mr. MAGRUDER, was ordered to be referred to the committee on finance :

Whereas a doubt exists among the commissioners of the revenue in the different counties of this commonwealth, as to the true construction of section 33, chapter 1 of the Acts of 1861-2, in regard to a license to distill ardent spirits from fruit, &c.: Therefore,

Resolved by the general assembly, that the true intent and meaning of said section was and is, to exempt all persons who do not distill more than thirty-three gallons, from paying a license tax, or other tax, when made by the owner for his own use.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. THOMPSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to a joint resolution to refer so much of the governor’s message as relates to an adequate supply of salt, to a joint committee : in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

Subsequently, the resolution was taken up, on motion of Mr. BASKERVILL, and agreed to.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee on the part of the house : Messrs. Barbour, McCamant, Magruder, Baskervill, Prince, Anderson of Rockbridge, and Hopkins of Rockingham.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of amending chapter 105, section 6 of the Code (1860), so as to increase the reward for the apprehension of runaway slaves.

On motion of Mr. AMBERS,

Resolved, that that portion of the governor's message relating to jailors' fees, be referred to the committee for courts of justice, with instructions to report on the expediency of increasing the same; and that the said committee report at as early a day as practicable.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY,

Resolved, that so much of the governor's message as refers to the penitentiary, be referred to the committee on the penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of increasing the penalty of sheriffs' bonds in the several counties of the commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER,

Resolved, that the committee on agriculture and manufactures enquire into the expediency of repealing a bill chartering the Union manufacturing company.

On motion of Mr. McCAMANT,

Resolved, that leave be given to bring in a bill incorporating the Pleasant grove lead and zinc mining and manufacturing company in the county of Wythe.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. McCamant, Minor and Fleming.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Resolved, that so much of the governor's message as refers to the pay of our soldiers, be referred to the committee on military affairs.

On motion of Mr. STAPLES,

Resolved, that a special committee of seven be appointed, whose duty it shall be to enquire into and report to this house the condition of the Virginia sick and wounded soldiers in the confederate hospitals of this state; and also whether any, and if any, what legislation on the part of the state is necessary and proper to better provide for their wants.

On motion of Mr. BASKERVILL,

Resolved, that the joint committee to consider the subject of the supply of salt, be authorized to enquire into the expediency of authorizing the purchase of the Washington and Smyth salt works by the commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. SPADY,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to protect and indemnify loyal citizens of this commonwealth from the action of disloyal men acting as officers of the United States government, under the confiscation bills of the federal congress.

Mr. JAMES presented the petition of citizens of Botetourt, praying an increase of the fees of the jailor of that county; which was ordered to be referred to the committee for courts of justice.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs be instructed to ascertain and report to the house how many volunteer troops have been raised under the act passed at the extra session, authorizing a

force of ten thousand men to be raised, and how much expense and liabilities have been incurred in raising and organizing said force.

The SPEAKER laid before the house the following communication from the governor of the commonwealth; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee for courts of justice:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Sept. 15, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Delegates:

I have received a communication from Hon. Thomas S. Bocock, speaker of the house of representatives, accompanied by a report of the committee of elections of the confederate congress; which is herewith transmitted for your consideration. The report relates to vacancies in the representation in congress from districts in possession of the public enemy. There is no provision of law applicable to such cases that will enable the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon. A. G. Jenkins to be filled, and that will provide for like cases that may occur.

Respectfully,

JOHN LETCHER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Sept. 8, 1862.

SIR:

I am directed by the house of representatives of the Confederate States to communicate to you the enclosed report and resolution.

I have the honor to be,

With high respect,

Your ob'dt serv't,

TH. S. BOCOCK.

His Excellency JOHN LETCHER,
Governor of Virginia.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS.

The committee to whom was referred a communication from the governor of Virginia in reference to the vacancy in the delegation from that state, occasioned by the resignation of A. G. Jenkins, a member of this house, with other papers pertaining thereto, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report:

By section 4, article 1 of the constitution, it is provided, that "the times, places and manner of holding elections for senators and representatives, shall be prescribed in each state by the legislature thereof, subject to the provisions of this constitution; but the congress may, at any time, by law, make or alter such regulations, except as to the times and places of choosing senators."

By the fourth clause of the 2d section of the same article, it is declared, that "where vacancies happen in the representation from

any state, the executive authority thereof shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies."

It is obvious from these provisions that the constitution contemplates the enactment by the states of the necessary laws for securing a full representation in this body. Not only is this duty prescribed to their legislatures, but the executive authority of the states is required to be exercised in giving them effect when vacancies occur. It has been the practice under similar clauses in the constitution of the United States, to leave with the several states the duty of making such provisions as each may deem expedient for the election of their representatives. The committee do not deem it proper to depart from this usage and assume powers not heretofore exercised and not required to be exercised by an existing emergency. The power of the state of Virginia over the subject is full and complete, and defects in the existing law may be remedied by the approaching called session of the general assembly.

The committee therefore recommend no further action in the premises except the adoption of the accompanying resolutions:

Resolved, that in the opinion of the house ample power rests with the several states to provide for securing a full representation, and that no legislation on the part of congress is necessary.

Resolved, that the speaker communicate to the governor of Virginia a copy of the report and of these resolutions.

RICHMOND, VA., August 5, 1862.

SIR:

I hereby notify your honorable body that I have this day sent to the governor of Virginia my resignation as a member of the same.

ALBERT G. JENKINS.

HON. THOMAS S. BOCOCK,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, Va.,*
August 18, 1862.

Hon. A. G. Jenkins having resigned his membership in the first congress of the permanent government of the Confederate States, the counties composing the district being in possession of the public enemy, and no provision being made by law for supplying the vacancy under these circumstances, I communicate the letter of resignation to congress for such action as may be deemed proper.

Respectfully,

JOHN LETCHER.

HON. THOMAS S. BOCOCK,

Speaker of the House of Representatives, C. S. A.

RICHMOND, VA., August 5, 1862.

SIR:

I hereby resign my seat as a member of the first congress of the permanent government of the Confederate States.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, yours,

ALBERT G. JENKINS.

HON. JOHN LETCHER,

Governor of Virginia.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1862.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Doggett of the Methodist church.

Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt, from the committee on military affairs, presented the following resolution; which was agreed to:

Resolved, that the governor be requested to inform this house of the number of troops which have been raised and are in service under the act passed at the late extra session, entitled an act to authorize a force of ten thousand men to be raised for the defence of the commonwealth; and in what manner they have been organized; also the amount of money which has been expended or incurred therefor: and that he further inform the house of the number of troops which have been raised under his recent proclamation calling out the militia in certain counties; the expense attending the same, and the disposition made of said militia.

On motion of Mr. RIVES,

Resolved, that the committee on finance be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the late tax bill as to exempt from taxation the property of such citizens as may have been stolen or otherwise destroyed in consequence of the presence of the public enemy.

On motion of Mr. ORGAIN,

Resolved, that the joint committee on the subject of providing a supply of salt enquire into the expediency of placing immediately at the disposal of the governor of this commonwealth the sum of _____ dollars, to be expended by him, at his discretion, in the purchase of an adequate supply of salt, foreign or domestic.

On motion of Mr. LIVELY,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice be instructed to enquire what legislation is necessary in regard to the safe keeping of the property of disloyal persons who have gone to the enemy; and whether said property can be confiscated to the state of Virginia without conflicting with laws of the Confederacy.

On motion of Mr. RIVES,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of so amending the 81st section of the act imposing taxes for the support of government, passed March 27, 1862, as to allow commissioners of the revenue and sheriffs an increased compensation for assessing and collecting the public revenue.

Mr. LOCKRIDGE submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that in the judgment of this general assembly, its debates and acts should be confined to the subject of salt; and the various other subjects embraced in the governor's message be postponed to an adjourned session; which being objected to, was laid over until to-morrow.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg submitted the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, by the governor's proclamation, the legislature has been convened, in this called session, for the avowed purpose of passing some act to supply the people with salt: and whereas our country and state are involved in an expensive and bloody war with the people of the north, our treasury thereby subjected to greatly increased burdens, and our people to high taxation, and the most extortionate prices for all the necessaries of life; and, in view of the fact, that the adjourned session will commence in less than three months, when all needful laws may be more considerably passed:

Resolved, therefore, by the general assembly, that on and after the 26th instant, it will be inexpedient, at this called session, to legislate on any other subject than the supply and distribution of salt, thus performing all the duties for which it met, and saving to the people a heavy item of unnecessary expenditure and taxation.

Objection being made, Mr. WORSHAM moved a suspension of the rule, with a view of considering the preamble and resolution this day; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 53, noes 27.

On motion of Mr. WORSHAM, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Brooks, Buford, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, J. D. Davis, R. J. Davis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Franklin, George, Gilmer, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Jordan, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lynn, Mallory, Minor, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Prince, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, Tate, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker, West, Williams, Wooten and Worsham—53.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Blue, Bouldin, Bradford, Carter, Dabney, Flood, Garrison, Gatewood, James, Jones, Magruder, Mathews, McCamant, Murdaugh, Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Spady, Thrash, Tomlin, J. L. Wilson and Woolfolk—27.

Mr. RICHARDSON moved the indefinite postponement of the preamble and resolution; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 49, noes 35.

On motion of Mr. WORSHAM, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskerville, Blue, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Cnstis, R. J. Davis, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Grattan, James, Jones, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Magruder, Mathews, McCamant, Murdaugh, Newton, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Robertson, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Spady, Thrash, Tomlin, Vaiden, Vermillion, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wooten—49.

• NOES—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Brooks, Coffman, Coleman, Dabney, J. D. Davis, Edmunds, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Jordan, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Mallory, Minor, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Rives, Sherrard, Staples, Tate, P. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tredway, Tyler, Walker and Worsham—35.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under a resolution heretofore adopted in relation to the contracts for salt, of Stuart, Buchanan & Co. with the counties and corporations of the state: Messrs. Woolfolk, Hunter, Bouldin, Rives, Mallory, George, Fleming, Lockridge and Shannon.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. WOOLFOLK, the committee was enlarged, by the appointment of Messrs. WILSON of Isle of Wight, and DABNEY.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under a resolution heretofore adopted to enquire into the condition of the sick and wounded soldiers of Virginia, &c.: Messrs. Staples, Tomlin, Buford, Lundy, Eggleston, Taylor of Amelia, and Gatewood.

Mr. ORGAIN, from the committee on agriculture and manufactures, presented the following bill:

No. 1. A bill to incorporate the Union manufacturing company in the county of Fluvanna.

On motion of Mr. BRADFORD,

Resolved, that George W. Wilson, jr. be appointed, temporarily, second door keeper during the absence of that officer from the sessions of the house.

On motion of Mr. WOOLFOLK,

Resolved, that a special committee be appointed, with instructions to bring in a bill extending the time within which, under existing laws, the sheriff elect for the county of Orange is allowed to qualify.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Woolfolk, Rutherford, and Anderson of Rockbridge.

Subsequently, Mr. WOOLFOLK presented the following bill:

No. 2. A bill extending the time for the qualification of the sheriff of Orange county; which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time; and on motion of Mr. WOOLFOLK. two-thirds concurring, being amended, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

On motion of Mr. HUNTER,

Resolved, that the committee on banks be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to the following effect, to wit:

A bill to suppress the circulation of counterfeit notes within the commonwealth.

Be it enacted by the general assembly, that whenever hereafter any counterfeit, purporting to be a bank note, confederate treasury note, or other paper issue circulating as currency, shall be presented at any of the banks or branch banks of this commonwealth, either for examination or in the course of business, it shall be lawful for such banks or branch banks, and it shall be their duty, to stamp on the face of the same the word "counterfeit," or otherwise mark it as such, attaching thereto the name of such bank or branch bank as

may perform the act: provided, however, that the owner of any genuine note which may be erroneously so stamped or marked, shall have his remedy at law against the bank so stamping or marking it, for any loss he may thereby sustain.

This act shall be in force from its passage.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON,

Resolved, that so much of the governor's message as relates to military affairs, be referred to the committee on military affairs.

On motion of Mr. WALKER,

Resolved, that so much of the governor's message as refers to extortion, be referred to the committee for courts of justice.

On motion of Mr. TREDWAY,

Resolved, that the committee of propositions and grievances enquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation of inspectors of tobacco in the town of Farmville.

Mr. STAPLES submitted the following resolution :

Resolved by the general assembly of Virginia, that the thanks of the people of this commonwealth are due, and through their representatives in the legislature assembled, are hereby cordially tendered to General ROBERT E. LEE and JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON, and to Major General THOMAS J. JACKSON, for the great and distinguished services which they have each rendered their state and the entire Confederacy during this war; and also to the officers and men under their command, for the valor, enterprise and devotion which they have so often displayed.

Mr. FLOOD moved to commit the resolution to the committee on military affairs; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 73, noes 10.

On motion of Mr. STAPLES, the vote was recorded as follows :

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Baskervill, Blue, Bouldin, Bradford, Brooks, Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, J. D. Davis, R. J. Davis, Edmunds, Ewing, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Grattan, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lynn, Magruder, Mallory, Mathews, McCannant, Minor, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Rowan, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Spady, Tate, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vaiden, Walker, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wootten—73.

NOES—Messrs. Custis, Eggleston, George, J. H. Hopkins, Lundy, Murdaugh, Staples, F. G. Taylor, Vermillion and Worsham—10.

Mr. ROBERTSON submitted the following resolutions; which, on his motion, were referred to the committee on military affairs :

1. Resolved by the general assembly, that the cordial thanks of the people of Virginia are eminently due, and are hereby given to her distinguished son, ROBERT E. LEE, whose genius planned, and to the officers and men whose skill and unsurpassed bravery gave success to that brilliant series of movements and battles, which not only saved the beleaguered capital of the state, but, hurling the insolent invaders, in shame and confusion, back to the safe shelter of their gunboats, has advanced our victorious columns across the Potomac, and is carrying retributive destruction to the property, and terror to the homes of our enemies.

2. Resolved, that the thanks of Virginia are repeated to General JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON, who, alike in retreat and attack, at Manassas, at Williamsburg and at Seven Pines (where his services closed by an honorable wound received in battle), displayed a consummate generalship, and who, by the admirable organization and disposition of his army, prepared the way for its subsequent splendid success.

3. Resolved, that to the heroic JACKSON, whose flag seems borne by victory herself wherever he advances his irresistible legions on a terror stricken foe, and equally to his officers and men, Virginia gratefully renews her willing tribute of admiration and thanks.

4. Resolved, that the people of Virginia greet, with fraternal regard and heartfelt gratitude, the thousands of gallant spirits, who, coming from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Florida, from Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee, from Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Maryland, for the protection of our common liberties and common capital, have protected, at the same time, the liberties, the soil and the capital of the state of Virginia.

5. Resolved, that while rejoicing in our victories and in our vindicated independence, we mourn over our heroic sons who died in achieving them, and offer to their families our warmest sympathies, and commend them to the kindness and sympathy of their countrymen.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg submitted the following resolutions; which, on his motion, were referred to the committee on military affairs:

1. Resolved by the general assembly of Virginia, that the skill and courage of our officers, and the valor and heroism of our army, in their hard-fought battles and well-won victories of the Chickahominy, crowned with their glorious deeds of successful triumph, on the twice-renowned battle field of Bull Run and Manassas, deserve the thanks and praise of every man and woman in the Confederate States.

2. Resolved, that the passage of our troops into the territory of down-trodden Maryland, evincing the determination of our military authorities to transfer the seat of war from our own to the enemy's country, command our *unqualified* approbation; and while advancing in their own chosen pathway of military glory, till, in *final triumph*, they plant their victorious banners upon the battlements of Lexington and upon the Bunker Hill monument, the prayers of our loyal people for their safety and success, will ascend from every hearth and altar in the south.

3. Resolved, that while this our acknowledgment of thanks and gratitude is especially due to the confederate army of Virginia, we are by no means unmindful of our obligations to our western army. On the contrary, their noble deeds of recent date, at Corinth, at Vicksburg, at Gallatin, at Murfreesboro', and at Richmond, Kentucky, fill our hearts with admiration and praise.

4. Resolved, that while our armies are operating in the territory of the enemy, it is no time for us to be idle at home. New levies, sufficient for home defence, and to reinforce our distant armies

promptly, when needed, should be organized *at once*; and to that important end we trust the authorities of the Confederacy and the states will act in harmony, as far as compatible with their respective jurisdictions, and with the utmost *speed* and *vigor*.

5. Resolved, that with full knowledge of the *power, resources* and *advantages* of our enemy to carry on a long war, and of his vindictive and implacable spirit against us, we pledge to our sister Confederate States "our *lives, our fortunes* and our sacred *honor*," to win our freedom and independence, in persevering co-operation with them, or to perish, not in subjugation, but, if it must be, in the utter extermination of our race, its institutions, its civilization, its religion and its liberties.

6. Resolved, that in tendering our thanks for the heroic deeds of our officers and men on the historic fields of the Chickahominy, we cannot fail to remember and commemorate the equally heroic conduct of our officers and men at Fort Drewry, who, while the fort was in an unfinished condition, and with only two or three guns mounted, repulsed the iron-clad gunboats of the enemy with great damage, and thus saved the confederate capital from immediate conflagration and ruin.

On motion of Mr. BUFORD,

Resolved, that in order to enable the members of this house appropriately to unite with the country on to-morrow in thanksgiving to that Divine Providence which has recently conducted our arms to repeated and glorious victory, that when this house adjourns to-day, it will adjourn to meet on Friday next at the usual hour.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Rockingham,

Resolved, that the committee on banks enquire into the propriety of granting to the citizens of the town of Harrisonburg in the county of Rockingham a charter for a savings bank.

On motion of Mr. GATEWOOD,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to relieve the securities of R. M. Conn, sheriff of Shenandoah county, from certain excessive interest and damages.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight,

Resolved, that so much of the governor's message as refers to the construction of a rail road to connect the Northwest with the other divisions of Virginia, be referred to the committee on roads and internal navigation.

On motion of Mr. MATHEWS,

Resolved, that the committee on roads and internal navigation be requested to take into consideration the subject of rebuilding the bridge crossing the Greenbrier river, on the James river and Kanawha turnpike, and the bridge crossing the Cowpasture river, on the line of the Virginia Central rail road—the former burned by General Heth as a military necessity—the latter burned by the enemy: and to adopt such measures to that end as may be deemed most expedient.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON,

Resolved, that a committee of _____ be appointed, whose duty it shall be to enquire into the expediency of regulating by law the

prices of all articles of prime necessity, whether in the hands of the farmer, manufacturer, merchant or trader.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge,

Resolved, that so much of the governor's message as relates to granting amnesty to citizens of Virginia who have taken the oath of allegiance to the government of the United States, be referred to the committee for courts of justice.

On motion of Mr. FLEMING,

Resolved, that the committee appointed to investigate the conduct of the proprietors of the Washington and Smyth salt works, be instructed to enquire whether, in the sales of salt made by said parties, the same number of pounds of salt, in a wet state, is estimated for a bushel as is given when the article is in a dry and merchantable condition.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Resolved, that the governor communicate to the house of delegates the names of all the commissioned officers (with the dates of their commissions) of the ten thousand men authorized to be raised under the act of May 15, 1862.

Mr. ROBERTSON presented the petition of inspectors of tobacco of the public warehouse, for an increase of fees; which was ordered to be referred to the committee of propositions and grievances.

Mr. TREDWAY presented a similar petition from inspectors of tobacco in Farmville; which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. MAGRUDER presented the memorial of the Orange and Alexandria and Virginia Central rail roads, praying relief from taxation; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on finance.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, the house adjourned until Friday, 12 o'clock.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1862.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bill:

No. 3. A bill to increase jailors' fees for keeping and supporting prisoners; which subsequently was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill:

No. 4. A bill concerning bonds of sheriffs; which subsequently was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Mr. WYNNE presented the petition of Sampson Jones, agent for Mrs. Griffin, for increase of allowance and indemnity against losses sustained by contract for rations furnished the public guard of the state of Virginia; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on military affairs.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR,

Resolved, that the joint committee in relation to salt be enlarged, by the addition of three members on the part of the house and two on the part of the senate.

Ordered, that Mr. BARBOUR carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

The following members were added on the part of the house: Messrs. Edmunds, Richardson and Wynne.

Mr. AMBERS was appointed by the SPEAKER a member of the committee of privileges and elections and of the committee on the library; Mr. COFFMAN, a member of the committee on military affairs and schools and colleges; Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, a member of the committee on finance and of the committee for courts of justice; Mr. TAYLOR of Amelia, a member of the committee on banks and of claims.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under a resolution of the house in relation to the subject of extortion in articles of prime necessity: Messrs. Hopkins of Petersburg, Richardson, Saunders of Campbell, Coffman, Baker, Cazenove, Walker, Franklin and Lynn.

No. 2. An engrossed bill extending the time for the qualification of the sheriffs of Orange and Culpeper counties, was taken up, on motion of Mr. WOOLFOLK, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. WOOLFOLK carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Mr. ROBERTSON presented the petition of the assistant keepers, clerk and interior guard of the penitentiary, praying for an increase of salary; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on the penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. GARRISON,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of so amending sections 5 and 6 of chapter 178 of the Code of Virginia, as to provide for the appointment of new trustees to act in the place of trustees who may be in the military service of the Confederate States or of the state of Virginia, and of so amending section 2 of chapter 128 of the said Code, as to provide for the appointment of new guardians, committees or trustees for the purpose of instituting suits for the sale or partition of lands belonging to persons under disability, where the existing guardian, committee or trustee is in the said service.

On motion of Mr. LYNN,

Whereas the citizens of Prince William county have been driven from their homes, by reason of the invasion of their soil by Yankee forces; their negroes and other property stolen and destroyed, so that her citizens have been prevented from raising almost any thing to subsist upon, so that many families whose husbands and sons that have fallen on the field of battle are left destitute of even bread to subsist on for the next year: Therefore,

Resolved, that the committee on finance be requested to enquire into the expediency of granting some relief, by a release of tax for this year (1862).

On motion of Mr. VADEN,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of so amending the tax bill as to exempt from taxation all property listed by commissioners which has been seized by the federal army.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY,

Resolved, that the committee on extortionate prices be instructed to enquire into the expediency of prohibiting by law any person from charging more than one dollar per pound for leather.

On motion of Mr. WRIGHT,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of reporting an act to legalize the records and proceedings of the county court of Essex, at the June, July and August terms of said court; which is herewith submitted.

On motion of Mr. CECIL,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs enquire into the expediency of improving the road leading from Dublin depot on the Virginia and Tennessee rail road to the Kanawha salines.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight,

Resolved, that a special committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to relieve the necessities of the poor and destitute of our citizens in those regions of the state which have been overrun by the public enemy.

On motion of Mr. WORSHAM,

Resolved, that the committee on the penitentiary enquire into the expediency of abolishing some of the offices connected with the penitentiary, and of consolidating the duties of the same in some other of the offices of that institution.

On motion of Mr. WORSHAM,

Resolved, that the committee of propositions and grievances enquire into the expediency of regulating by law the charges by express companies on boxes, packages, &c. sent to soldiers in our armies.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of so amending the act passed March 12, 1862, to prevent the unnecessary consumption of grain by distillers, as to authorize the distillation of whisky from rye only, by special contract with the government, for hospital purposes.

On motion of Mr. AMBERS,

Resolved, that the committee on extortionate prices enquire into the expediency of compelling the rail roads leading to the city of Richmond to transport wood, when brought to their roads for transportation, and of fixing the price at which the same shall be transported.

On motion of Mr. TATE,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire what, if any, relief can be provided by law for debtors whose creditors refuse to receive in payment the common currency of the country.

On motion of Mr. STAPLES, the committee as to the condition of the sick and wounded soldiers, was enlarged by the appointment of three additional members.

The SPEAKER announced the following members as added to the committee: Messrs. Worsham, Nelson of Fluvanna, and Richardson.

On motion of Mr. BASKERVILL,

Resolved, that the governor be requested, if, in his opinion, compatible with the public interest, to lay before this house the correspondence between the executive and the secretary of war of the Confederate States, relative to the delivery, to the authorities of this state, of any prisoners of war who may have been charged with offences against the laws of this commonwealth.

Mr. HUNTER, on his own motion, was excused from further attendance during the present session of the house.

Mr. JONES was appointed a member of the committee on the salt question, in place of Mr. HUNTER.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. GARNETT, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to a joint resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to consider the propriety of amending the law of enclosures: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee on the part of the house: Messrs. Newton, Ward, Evans, Riddick and Hunt.

No. 1. A bill to incorporate the Union manufacturing company in the county of Fluvanna, was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

On motion of Mr. BOULDIN,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of prohibiting justices of the peace and notaries public from making any charge for administering and certifying oaths necessary for the recovery of the pay or wages of any soldier of the Confederate States.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1862.

Mr. NEWTON, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill:

No. 5. A bill amending the 15th section of an act entitled an act imposing taxes for the support of government, passed March 27, 1862, concerning express companies; which subsequently was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bill:

No. 6. A bill to protect and indemnify citizens of Virginia; which subsequently was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

No. 1. An engrossed bill to incorporate the Union manufacturing company in the county of Fluvanna, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 3. An engrossed bill to increase jailors' fees for keeping and supporting prisoners, was taken up and read a third time.

Mr. BLUE moved to suspend the rule, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to its engrossment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question being—Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time? Mr. BASS moved an amendment as follows:

“Provided, that the county and corporation courts of the commonwealth may establish, in their discretion, a different rate, not less than 35 nor more than 60 cents per diem.”

Mr. PRINCE moved to amend the amendment, by striking out “60,” and inserting “80;” and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the amendment as amended, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The bill as amended was then read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 4. An engrossed bill concerning bonds of sheriffs, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS of Campbell,

Resolved, that a special committee be appointed, with authority to report a bill legalizing the manufacture of alcohol.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Davis, Cazenove, Rives, Buford, and Wilson of Norfolk county.

Subsequently, Mr. DAVIS, from the committee, presented the following bill:

No. 7. A bill legalizing the manufacture of alcohol; which was subsequently read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, enclosing a letter from Dr. E. W. Johns, medical purveyor of the Confederate States, in relation to the distillation of alcohol and whisky for hospital and medical purposes; which were read, and on motion of Mr. BLUE, referred to a special committee.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under a resolution heretofore adopted in relation to the expediency of making an appropriation to relieve the necessities of the poor and destitute of our citizens in those sections of the state which have been overrun by the public enemy: Messrs. Wilson of Isle of Wight, Tate, Blue, Orgain, Fleming, Garrison and Mathews.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS of Campbell,

Resolved, that the committee on banks enquire into the expediency of authorizing the city of Lynchburg to issue an amount of its notes as a currency, in addition to that authorized by the act of March 27th, 1862.

On motion of Mr. LOCKRIDGE,

Resolved, that the joint committee on salt enquire into the expediency of securing the salt now in the hands of speculators, for immediate use.

On motion of Mr. CAZENOVE,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice be instructed to enquire whether any constitutional method can be devised by which representation in the next general assembly can be provided for such counties as at the next general election may be in the possession of the public enemy.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY,

Resolved, that the committee on extortionate prices be allowed to send for persons and papers.

Mr. PITMAN presented the proceedings of a public meeting in the county of Shenandoah, in relation to the question of an adequate supply of salt; which were ordered to be referred to the special committee on that subject.

The SPEAKER presented the petition of William A. Burwell, deputy clerk of the county court of Augusta, and of James F. Patterson, clerk of the hustings court of Staunton, praying an increase of fees of clerks; which was ordered to be referred to the committee for courts of justice.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the house resolved itself into secret session; and after some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight, the house adjourned until Monday, 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1862.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Nolley of the Methodist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Sept. 20, 1862.

The senate have passed a bill entitled:

An act repealing an act for the relief of Ephraim Bee, No. 2.

In which they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

ROBERT A. MAYO, a delegate elected from the county of Henrico to supply a vacancy created by the resignation of Z. S. McGRUDER, appeared, was qualified and took his seat.

No. 2. A senate bill entitled an act repealing an act for the relief of Ephraim Bee, was read a first and second times, and ordered to be referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the committee on military affairs, presented the following bill:

No. 8. A bill to authorize the governor to settle the account of Sampson Jones, agent for Mrs. Jane A. Griffin.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, enclosing, in answer to a resolution of the house of delegates, a correspondence between the executive of the state and the secretary of war of the Confederate States, relative to the delivery to the authorities of this state of any prisoners of war who may have been charged with offences against the laws of this commonwealth; which were read, and on motion of Mr. BASKERVILL, laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 2.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, in answer to a resolution of the house of delegates requesting information as to the number of troops which have been raised and are in service under the act passed at the late extra session, entitled an act to authorize a force of ten thousand men to be raised for the defence of the commonwealth, and in what manner they have been organized; also the amount of money which has been expended or liabilities incurred therefor; and of the number of troops which have been raised under his recent proclamation calling out the militia in certain counties; the expense attending the same, and the disposition of said militia; which were read, and on motion of Mr. ANDERSON, referred to the committee on military affairs.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, in answer to a resolution of the house of delegates calling for the names of all commissioned officers, with the dates of their commissions, of the ten thousand men authorized to be raised under the act of May 15th, 1862; which were read, and on motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt, referred to the committee on military affairs.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, enclosing a petition from certain citizens of Southwestern Virginia, addressed to the president of the Confederate States, in relation to extortion on articles of prime necessity; which were read, and on motion of Mr. MALLORY, referred to the special committee on extortionate prices.

Mr. MATHEWS, at his own request, was excused from further attendance during the present session of the house.

The SPEAKER appointed Mr. McDONALD of Wyoming a member of the committee on extortionate prices in place of Mr. MATHEWS.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee to consider the message of the governor and accompanying documents, in relation to the distillation of alcohol and whisky for use of the army: Messrs. Ward, Blue, Bass, Tate, Mayo, Bradford and Dabney.

On motion of Mr. CROCKETT,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of authorizing Wm. H. Neighbours to act as commissioner of the revenue for the county of Wythe, he having been duly elected, but failed to qualify in the time prescribed by law, in consequence of being detained in the army.

On motion of Mr. LYNN,

Resolved, that the committee on finance be requested to enquire into the expediency of making some provision for destitute families in Prince William county, whose husbands and sons are now in the confederate army.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY,

Resolved, that the SPEAKER cause to be made a correct roll of the members of this house and its officers, and their respective counties, cities and towns, and furnish the same to the secretary of war, with a request that he cause to be furnished for the use of said members and officers, passports, as required by martial law now in force in this city.

On motion of Mr. CROCKETT,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of authorizing the trustees of the New School Presbyterian church in Wytheville to sell and convey the lot and the church erected thereon, to another religious denomination.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR,

Resolved, that the general assembly of this commonwealth having, by act passed February 18, 1862, and by joint resolution passed March 10, 1862, provided for the exemption from compulsory military service of such classes of the people as the general interest requires to be so exempted, the governor of the commonwealth be directed to communicate to the authorities of the Confederate States copies of the said act and resolution, and to take such other action as may be necessary and proper to secure the said exempted persons from conscription by the confederate authorities.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Resolved, that the governor be requested to inform this house whether any free negroes claiming to be from the United States, invading the soil of this state in violation of its laws, and captured by the armies of the Confederate States, have been surrendered by the confederate authorities; and if so, upon what ground such surrender has been made.

On motion of Mr. LYNN,

Resolved, that the committee on salt be requested to make some provision whereby refugees in other counties than their own may obtain salt for their families.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. LEWIS, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to a joint resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to consider the character of the present session of the general assembly: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The house resolved itself into secret session; and after some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. EVANS, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1862.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows :

IN SENATE, Sept. 22, 1862.

The senate have passed house bill entitled :

An act extending the time for the qualification of the sheriffs of Orange and Culpeper counties, No. 2.

And they have agreed to the resolution from the house of delegates, to enlarge the committee on an adequate supply of salt.

They have passed a bill entitled :

An act amending the 17th section of chapter 36 of the Code of Virginia, concerning the manner of making returns of delinquents, No. 1.

In which they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 1. A senate bill entitled an act amending the 17th section of chapter 36 of the Code of Virginia, concerning the manner of making returns of delinquents, was read a first and second times, and referred to the committee on finance.

A resolution from the senate for the appointment of a joint committee to consider the character of the present session of the general assembly, was taken up and agreed to.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

THOMAS B. BIGGER, a delegate elected from the city of Richmond to supply a vacancy created by the resignation of JOHN O. STEGER, appeared, was qualified and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. BASS,

Resolved, That leave be given to bring in a bill to grant power to the trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran church of Salem, Virginia, to sell lot 99, in the town of Salem, belonging to said church.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee, under the resolution : Messrs. Bass, Montague, Dice, Tredway and Reid.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS,

Resolved, that the committee on extortionate prices be enlarged by the addition of five members.

The SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen as added to the committee : Messrs. Anderson of Botetourt, Mallory, Blue, Pitman, and McDonald of Hampshire.

On motion of Mr. RUTHERFOORD,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice be enlarged by the addition of two members.

The SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen as added to the committee : Messrs. Buford and Spady.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the joint committee in relation to an adequate supply of salt, presented the following bill :

No. 9. A bill to provide for the production, distribution and sale of salt in this commonwealth ; which subsequently was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time, and on motion of Mr.

ANDERSON, two-thirds concurring, read a second time; and the question being—Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time? on motion of Mr. McCAMANT, the bill was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

No. 8. A bill to authorize the governor to settle the accounts of Sampson Jones, agent of Mrs. Jane A. Griffin, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. BARBOUR presented the petition of sundry persons, citizens of the state, asking the repeal of the ordinance of the late state convention suspending the payment of the salary of the Hon. George W. Thompson, judge of the 20th circuit of the commonwealth; which was ordered to be referred to the committee for courts of justice.

No. 3. An engrossed bill to increase jailors' fees for keeping and supporting prisoners, was taken up, read a third time and passed—Ayes 81, noes 2.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bass, Bigger, Blue, Bradford, Buford, Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, R. J. Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gillespie, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Kanfman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Linn, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Minor, Montague, Murdaugh, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robinson, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Spady, Staples, Tate, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Wootten and Worsham—81.

NOES—Messrs. Barbour and Johnson—2.

Ordered, that Mr. JAMES carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt,

Resolved, that the governor be requested to inform this house of the number of troops which have been organized and mustered into service under Major General John B. Floyd, by authority of the act of the general assembly passed the 15th day of May 1862, entitled an act to authorize a force of ten thousand men to be raised for the defence of the commonwealth; the number of companies and regiments into which such troops have been organized; the number of men, officers and non-commissioned officers in each company and regiment; and the various arms of the service to which they belong: also what number of militia have been raised under his late proclamation calling out the militia in certain counties, and what disposition has been made of them; and if said information be not at this time in the possession of the governor, that he be requested to procure and furnish the same to this house at as early a day as practicable.

The house resolved itself into secret session; and after some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. GRATTAN, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1862.

Mr. McCAMANT, from the committee of propositions and grievances, presented the following bill :

No. 10. A bill to amend the 43d and 44th sections of chapter 87 of the Code, so as to increase the fees of tobacco inspectors.

Mr. ROBERTSON, from the committee on banks, presented the following bills :

No. 11. A bill authorizing the city of Lynchburg to issue a further amount of its notes as a currency.

No. 12. A bill to incorporate the Rockingham savings bank in the town of Harrisonburg.

No. 13. A bill to suppress the circulation of counterfeit notes within the commonwealth.

Mr. McCAMANT, from a special committee, presented the following bill :

No. 14. A bill incorporating the Pleasant grove lead and zinc mining and manufacturing company.

Mr. WARD, from a special committee, presented the following bill :

No. 15. A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to prevent the unnecessary consumption of grain by distillers and other manufacturers of spirituous and malt liquors.

Which said bills were subsequently read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under a joint resolution to consider the character of the present session : Messrs. Rutherford, Newton, Edmunds, Green and Minor.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. WILEY, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed house bill entitled an act to increase jailors' fees for keeping and supporting prisoners, with an amendment : in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. GRATTAN, the house resolved itself into secret session ; and after some time spent therein, on motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, the doors were opened.

No. 9. A bill to provide for the production, distribution and sale of salt to the commonwealth, was taken up and read a first time.

Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge moved to amend the bill, by adding at the end of the first section the following : " And the governor is specially instructed to dispatch an agent to the Kanawha salines, to purchase for the use of the people of this commonwealth, on the best terms it can be obtained, all the salt now made at said salines, and to contract for so much as can be made and removed in the next ninety days, to be paid for when removed, except so much as the officer in command of the confederate forces in that section may deem necessary to retain for the use of the army. The governor is authorized and instructed to provide for the immediate removal of the salt to safe and convenient depositories for distribution and sale, as herein after provided. For the prompt and speedy removal of the

salt, the governor is authorized to contract for or to impress as many wagons and teams as are necessary for that purpose, and also for the repair of the Covington and Kanawha road.

"2. For the protection of parties who may be engaged in the manufacture of salt for the government at the Kanawha salines, and to insure the safe removal of it, the governor is authorized to employ the military power of the state to the extent he may deem necessary."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. PRINCE demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. SPADY, the bill was laid on the table.

No. 6. A bill to protect and indemnify citizens of Virginia, was taken up on motion of Mr. SPADY, amended, and as amended, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Mr. BARBOUR moved that the chair be vacated until 5 o'clock P. M. Mr. JONES moved to amend, by striking out "5," and inserting "8;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The motion was then agreed to, and the chair vacated until 8 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

No. 9. A bill to provide for the production, distribution and sale of salt in this commonwealth, was taken up, on motion of Mr. BARBOUR.

The first section being under consideration, which is as follows:

"1. Be it enacted by the general assembly, that the governor of this commonwealth, by and with the advice and consent of the committee of advice herein after directed to be constituted, may adopt every such measure and do every such act as in his judgment may be necessary and proper to be done, in order to secure the possession, production or distribution to convenient places, of such quantity of salt as will in his judgment be sufficient to supply the people of this commonwealth; and to that end may, with the advice and consent aforesaid, bind the faith of the commonwealth for the performance of such contracts and engagements as he may determine to be necessary and proper, and may exercise full authority and control over the property and franchises of any person, firm or company in this commonwealth, whenever he shall judge it to be necessary and proper to exercise the same in order to secure the possession, production or distribution of the quantity of salt aforesaid."

Mr. MINOR moved to amend the bill, by adding after the words "adopt every such measure and do every such act," the words "not inconsistent with the constitution of this commonwealth;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. MINOR moved to amend the section, by striking out the last

clause of the section commencing "and may exercise full authority," &c.; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 33, noes 52.

On motion of Mr. MINOR, the vote was recorded as follows :

AYES—Messrs. Shéfey (speaker), Ambers, F. T. Anderson, Bass, Booton, Buford, Cecil, Clarke, Custis, Dabney, R. J. Davis, Dice, Fleming, Forbes, Garrison, George, Gilmer, Green, Jones, A. W. McDonald, Minor, Newton, Reid, Robinson, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Staples, Tate, Tredway, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson and Wooten—33.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bigger, Blue, Carter, Cazenove, Coffman, Coleman, Crockett, J. D. Davis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Flood, Franklin, Gatewood, Gillespie, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Magruder, Mallory, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wright—52.

Mr. CAZENOVE moved to amend the section, by striking out the words "by and with the advice and consent of the committee of advice herein after directed to be constituted;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. BLUE demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative.

Mr. McDONALD of Hampshire moved to amend the 4th section, by inserting before the words "any rail road," "so much of the rolling stock of" (the section giving the power to impress rail roads); and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. TATE moved to amend the 4th section, by adding thereto the following: "But the power conferred by this section shall not be so exercised as to interfere with the transportation of troops, munitions of war and army supplies by the confederate government;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. SAUNDERS of Campbell, moved to amend the 5th section; which is as follows: "5. The governor shall, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, designate places in the commonwealth from which the sale and distribution may be made to citizens of this commonwealth, and prescribe rules and regulations for the sale of the same, and the prices at which it shall be sold. When such prices shall be so prescribed and published for two weeks in some newspaper published in the city of Richmond, the sale at any higher price than the price so prescribed shall be a misdemeanor, and the sale of each bushel, or any part of a bushel, at a rate higher than the price so prescribed, shall be a separate offence. Any violation of the rules and regulations so prescribed shall be a misdemeanor. Upon conviction of any person under this act, he shall pay a fine of not less than nor more than dollars," by striking out all after the word "designate," in the second line, and inserting the following: "One or more persons at the salt works, to deliver to the accredited agents of the several counties or corporations (or in the absence of such an agent from any county or corporation, to some person appointed by himself), on the payment of the money, the quota due their respective counties or corporations;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. MALLORY moved to amend the same section, by striking out "citizens," and inserting "agents of counties and corporations;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. MALLORY moved to amend the 8th section of the bill, by striking out the clause thereof constituting the committee of advice provided for in the bill, of members of the general assembly; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

The bill was then further amended on motion of Mr. MAGRUDER, and as amended, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

On motion of Mr. EGGLESTON, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1862.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Sept. 24, 1862.

The senate have passed a bill entitled:

An act to redress loyal citizens injured by the exercise of usurped power, No. 4.

In which they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 4. A senate bill entitled an act to redress loyal citizens injured by the exercise of usurped power, was read a first and second times, and referred to the committee for courts of justice.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bill:

No. 16. A bill to legalize the records and proceedings of the county court of Essex county, at the June, July and August terms of said court held at Miller's tavern in said county.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the same committee, presented the following reports:

That so much of the governor's message, referred to the committee for courts of justice, as refers to extortion, be referred to the special committee on extortion.

The committee report adversely to the expediency of authorizing the trustees of the New School Presbyterian church in Wytheville to sell and convey the lot and church erected thereon, to another religious denomination.

The committee report adversely to the expediency of amending chapter 105, section 6th of the Code of 1860, as to increase the reward for the apprehension of runaway slaves.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill:

No. 17. A bill concerning licenses to distill ardent spirits from fruit.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, to whom had been referred the following senate bills, reported the same without amendment :

No. 1. A senate bill entitled an act amending the 17th section of chapter 36 of the Code of Virginia, concerning the manner of making returns of delinquents.

No. 2. A senate bill entitled an act repealing an act for the relief of Ephraim Bee.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the committee on military affairs, presented the following resolutions :

1. Resolved by the general assembly of Virginia, that this general assembly commemorates, with grateful admiration, the victorious operations of the confederate armies in Virginia during the present campaign, resulting in the deliverance of the capital from siege and the state from invasion.

2. That the achievements of the army near Richmond, first under the command of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, and afterwards under the command of Gen. Robert E. Lee, in driving from the environs of this capital a disciplined army superior in number and equipments, occupying formidable and fortified positions, and confident of victory, rank with the most memorable triumphs of skill and valor in the annals of war.

3. That the army of the valley, under the command of Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Jackson, by a rapid succession of brilliant victories in the valley of Virginia, and afterwards by efficient action as part of the combined army under Gen. Lee, has the conspicuous merit of having won the first triumphs and honorably participated in all the successes of the present illustrious campaign in this state.

4. That the recent operations of the combined army under Gen. Lee, illustrated by a second decisive victory at Manassas, by the expulsion of the invaders from Virginia, by the passage of the Potomac, by the capture of Harpers Ferry, by the victories at Sharpsburg and at Shepherdstown, and by other triumphant proofs of genius, gallantry, fortitude and patriotism, entitle the officers and men of that army to the profound and perpetual gratitude of their country.

5. That while rejoicing in our victories and in the valor of our armies, and in the sure guarantee which they furnish of the successful vindication of our liberties and maintenance of our independence, we yet mourn over our heroic sons who have fallen in the sacred cause, and offering to their families our warmest sympathies, commend them to the kindness and generosity of their countrymen.

6. That these resolutions be communicated by the governor to Gen. Lee, Gen. Johnston and Maj. Gen. Jackson, the distinguished commanders of confederate armies in Virginia, as a memorial of the admiration and thanks of this commonwealth for their eminent ability, and for the skill and gallantry of the officers and men of their respective commands.

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative by an unanimous vote.

Ordered, that Mr. STAPLES carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR,

Resolved, that leave be given to withdraw from the files of the house, the petition of Robert Raper and others, and that the same be referred to the committee on finance.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs enquire into the expediency of making more effectual provision for the exemption of state officers from confederate draft.

On motion of Mr. STAPLES,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs enquire into the expediency of disbanding so much of the army now under the command of Major General John B. Floyd, as may have been called into the field by the recent proclamation of the governor of this state to the militia of Carroll, and certain other western counties, and report to this house whether, in the opinion of the committee, a proclamation from the governor calling out the militia under any other than the organization provided for by law, is not in violation of the constitution of this state, and an unwarrantable and dangerous usurpation of power.

No. 6. An engrossed bill to protect and indemnify citizens of Virginia, was taken up, on motion of Mr. SPADY, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. SPADY carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

The amendment proposed by the senate to house bill (No. 3) entitled an act to increase jailors' fees for keeping and supporting prisoners, was taken up and agreed to.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

Mr. I. E. McDONALD submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that the speaker of the house is hereby requested to order an election to be held in the counties of Fayette and Raleigh, to elect a delegate to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of John J. Coleman, and in other counties where vacancies exist and elections can be held; which was ordered to be referred to the committee of privileges and elections.

No. 9. An engrossed bill to provide for the production, distribution and sale of salt in this commonwealth, was taken up, on motion of Mr. BARBOUR, and read a third time.

Mr. WILSON submitted the following ryder; which was read a first and second times; and the question being—Shall the ryder be engrossed and read a third time? was put, and decided in the negative.

“Provided, however, that the governor shall not, with or without the consent of the committee herein before constituted, have authority to purchase what is known as the Smyth and Washington salt works, or any other salt works, until it be clearly ascertained that an

adequate supply of salt for the citizens of this state cannot otherwise be procured."

The question being—Shall the bill pass? the roll was called, with the following result—Ayes 67, noes 28.

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bayse, Bigger, Blue, Booton, Buford, Cazenove, Coffman, Coleman, Crockett, Custis, Fabney, J. D. Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Flood, Franklin, Gatewood, George, Gillespie, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Linn, Magruder, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, Sherrard, Spady, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Vaden, Ward, West, J. L. Wilson, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wright—67.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Bass, Bouldin, Bradford, Carter, Cecil, Clarke, R. J. Davis, Fleming, Forbes, Garrison, Gilmer, Green, Jones, Laidley, Minor, Robertson, Robinson, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Staples, Tate, Vermillion, Williams, S. Wilson and Wooten—28.

Ordered, that Mr. BARBOUR carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CUSTIS,

Resolved, that the committee of claims enquire into the expediency of allowing Samuel C. White dollars, due him for carrying the mail in York and Warwick counties, under a contract made with the governor of the commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER,

Resolved, that leave be given to withdraw from the files of last session, senate bill No. , requiring the payment of fees upon the transfer of state securities, and that the same be referred to the committee on finance.

On motion of Mr. WOOLFOLK, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1862.

Mr. BLUE, from the committee of privileges and elections, presented the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, that the speaker of this house issue writs of election to the sheriffs of the election district composed of the counties of Fayette and Raleigh, for election of a delegate for said district to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of John J. Coleman.

2. Resolved, further, that writs of election be issued by the speaker or governor, as the law directs, requiring elections to be held in any county or election district in which vacancies now exist in the representation of this house, where such election can be held.

The first resolution was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. FORBES,

Resolved, that the second resolution be recommitted to the committee of privileges and elections, and that they enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill changing the time and mode of holding elections for members of the senate and house of delegates, judges

and other officers, in certain counties of the commonwealth which have been in possession of the public enemy.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bill:

No. 18. A bill with regard to general and special elections of members of congress during the present war.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the same committee, presented the following report:

A report asking to be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution of enquiry as to whether any constitutional method can be provided for the future representation in the general assembly from counties in the possession of the public enemy, and that it be referred to the committee of privileges and elections.

The committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution instructing them to enquire into the expediency of amending the act passed March 12, 1862, to prevent the unnecessary consumption of grain by distillers, so as to authorize the distillation of whisky from rye only, by special contract with the government, for hospital purposes, and that it be referred to the committee of propositions and grievances.

Which were agreed to.

An adverse report to the petition of William A. Burnett and James Patterson; was, on motion of Mr. JAMES, laid on the table.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill:

No. 19. A bill authorizing the issue of certificates of debt.

The names of Messrs. WALKER and RICHARDSON, on their own requests, were ordered to be entered upon the journal in favor of the bill entitled an act to provide for the production, distribution and sale of salt in this commonwealth, passed by the house on yesterday.

The following senate bills were read a third time and passed:

No. 1. A senate bill entitled an act amending the 17th section of chapter 36 of the Code of Virginia, concerning the manner of making returns of delinquents.

No. 2. A senate bill entitled an act for the relief of Ephraim Bee. Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, the petition of assistant keepers, clerk and interior guard of the penitentiary, praying for an increase of salary, was withdrawn from the consideration of the committee on the penitentiary, and referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. BASS, from a special committee, presented the following bill:

No. 21. A bill authorizing the sale and conveyance of the parsonage lot owned by the Evangelical Lutheran congregation in the town of Salem, Roanoke; which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time, and on motion of Mr. BASS, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. BOULDIN,

Resolved, that the committee of roads and internal navigation enquire into the expediency of amending the existing law for regulating the condemnation of land for rail road purposes.

On motion of Mr. FLOOD,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of refunding to the securities of William Paris, late sheriff of Appomattox county, all damages recovered against them by the commonwealth in the circuit court of the city of Richmond.

Subsequently, Mr. FLOOD, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill:

No. 20. A bill for the relief of the securities of William Paris, late sheriff of Appomattox county.

The following bills were read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time:

No. 16. A bill to legalize the records and proceedings of the county court of Essex county, at the June, July and August terms of said court held at Miller's tavern in said county.

No. 17. A bill to amend and re-enact section 33d of chapter 1st of the Acts of 1861-2, concerning licenses to distill ardent spirits from fruit, &c.

No. 18. A bill with regard to general and special elections of members of congress during the present war.

No. 19. A bill authorizing the issue of certificates of debt.

No. 20. A bill for the relief of the securities of William Paris, late sheriff of Appomattox.

The following reports from the committee for courts of justice were read and concurred in:

Referring so much of the governor's message as refers to extortion, as was referred to the committee for courts of justice, to the committee on extortion.

Adverse report as to the expediency of so amending chapter 105, section 6 of the Code of 1860, as to increase the reward for the apprehension of runaway slaves.

Adverse report as to the expediency of authorizing the trustees of the New School Presbyterian church in Wytheville to sell and convey the lot and church erected thereon, to another religious denomination.

The following bills were read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time:

No. 5. A bill amending the 15th section of an act entitled an act imposing taxes for the support of government, passed March 27, 1862, concerning express companies.

No. 7. A bill legalizing the manufacture of alcohol.

No. 8. A bill to authorize the governor to settle the account of Sampson Jones, agent of Mrs. Jane A. Griffin.

No. 14. A bill incorporating the Pleasant grove lead and zinc mining and manufacturing company.

Mr. PRINCE submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that the house of delegates will, with the concurrence of the senate, adjourn sine die on Tuesday the 30th instant.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt, the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. JONES was excused, on his own request, from further service

on the committee to investigate the conduct of the owners of the Washington and Smyth salt works, and Mr. CROCKETT appointed in his stead.

Mr. BIGGER was added to the committee of privileges and elections.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1862.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Minnegerode of the Episcopal church.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt,

Resolved, that the governor of this commonwealth be respectfully requested to inform the house of delegates under what clause of the constitution, or under what law or laws of the state, his proclamation of the 30th day of August 1862, calling out the militia of certain counties of the commonwealth, and ordering them to report to Major Gen. Floyd, was issued.

No. 5. An engrossed bill amending the 15th section of an act entitled an act imposing taxes for the support of government, passed March 27, 1862, concerning express companies, was taken up, read a third time, and on motion, laid on the table.

No. 7. An engrossed bill legalizing the manufacture of alcohol, was taken up and read a third time.

Mr. MAGRUDER submitted a ryder to the bill; which was read a first and second times, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The question being—Shall the bill pass? Mr. NELSON of Louisa demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 48, noes 33.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Bradford, Buford, Cazenove, Coffman, J. D. Davis, R. J. Davis, Dice, Evans, Flood, Gilmer, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, James, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Magruder, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, Minor, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, Tate, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tyler, Ward, West, S. Wilson, Worsham, Wright and Wynne—48.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baskervill, Blue, Cecil, Clarke, Eggleston, Ewing, Forbes, Franklin, Gatewood, Gillespie, Green, Hunt, Johnson, Kyle, Lively, Lundy, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, Pitman, Prince, Richardson, Spady, Thrash, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Williams, Woodhouse and Wooten—33.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 8. An engrossed bill to authorize the governor to settle the account of Sampson Jones, agent of Mrs. Jane A. Griffin, was read a third time and passed—Ayes 76, no 1.

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Blue, Booton, Bradford, Buford, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, Custis, J. D. Davis, R. J. Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Forbes, Gatewood, Gillespie, Gilmer, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, James, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lundy, Magruder, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin,

Minor, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Spady, Staples, Tate, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson, Woodhouse, Wootten, Worsham, Wright and Wynne—76.

No—Mr. West—1.

Ordered, that Mr. WYNNE carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 14. An engrossed bill incorporating the Pleasant grove lead and zinc mining and manufacturing company, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

The following bills were read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time :

No. 10. A bill to amend the 43d and 44th sections of chapter 87 of the Code, so as to increase the fees of tobacco inspectors.

No. 12. A bill to incorporate the Rockingham savings bank in the town of Harrisonburg.

No. 13. A bill to suppress the circulation of counterfeit notes within the commonwealth.

No. 15. A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to prevent the unnecessary consumption of grain by distillers and other manufacturers of spirituous and malt liquors.

No. 16. A bill to legalize the records and proceedings of the county court of Essex county, at the June, July and August terms of said court held at Miller's tavern in said county.

No. 11. A bill authorizing the city of Lynchburg to issue a further amount of its notes as a currency, was taken up and read a second time; and the question being—Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time? was put, and decided in the negative.

No. 17. A bill to amend and re-enact section 3, chapter 1 of Acts 1861-2, concerning licenses to distill ardent spirits from fruit, was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. BUFORD submitted an amendment to the bill; pending the consideration of which, the bill and amendment were laid on the table.

Mr. NEWTON, from the joint committee appointed to consider the character of the present session, presented a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. CROCKETT, leave of absence was granted to him for the remainder of the session.

Mr. WOOLFOLK, from the committee to investigate the manner in which Stuart, Buchanan & Co. had complied with their contracts with the counties and corporations of the commonwealth, presented a report; which was read, and on his motion laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 3.

On motion of Mr. WYNNE,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of making a ratable increase of the present compensation paid to such officers of the state government as they may consider advisable.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON,

Resolved, that the committee on banks enquire into the expediency of making some provision by law for winding up the affairs of the Bank of Weston and the Bank of Manassas.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill amending the 1st section of the act passed March 27, 1862, to provide for the trial of persons charged with felony, in counties in possession of the enemy.

On motion of Mr. JAMES,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of changing the times of holding the terms of the courts of the 14th judicial circuit of the state.

On motion of Mr. McDONALD of Hampshire,

Resolved, that the committee on finance be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending the present tax bill, by increasing the tax on incomes, where such incomes exceed dollars, and of so increasing it as that the per centum of taxation shall increase as said excess shall increase, with the view of securing more revenue from those who are extorting through the necessities of the soldiers, and of discouraging excessive and illegitimate speculation.

On motion of Mr. AMBERS,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of amending the 29th section of chapter 192 of the Code of Virginia, so as to admit the testimony of slaves and persons of color against any person, not a citizen of the Confederate States, charged with kidnapping or enticing slaves from their masters.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY, the house adjourned until Monday, 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1862.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Minnegerode of the Episcopal church.

Mr. TOMLIN, from the committee of privileges and elections, presented the following bills:

No. 23. A bill changing the time and mode of holding elections in counties and cities of the commonwealth which have been or may hereafter be in possession of the public enemy.

No. 24. A bill to authorize certain classes of citizens to vote out of their counties and corporations during the present war.

Mr. KAUFMAN, from the committee of propositions and grievances, presented the following bill:

No. 25. A bill to regulate the charges of express companies on parcels or packages forwarded by or for persons in the military or naval service, in time of war, insurrection or invasion.

Which said bills were read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. CARPENTER, from the committee of roads and internal naviga-

tion, presented an adverse report to a resolution of enquiry as to rebuilding the bridge across Cowpasture river.

Mr. CARPENTER, from the same committee, presented a report, asking that the governor be requested to make application to the confederate government for the rebuilding of the bridge across Greenbrier river, on the James river and Kanawha turnpike, burnt by the confederate troops in the year 1862.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. THOMPSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed house bill entitled an act for the production, distribution and sale of salt in this commonwealth, with amendments: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The amendments were taken up.

The 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 7th, 8th and 10th amendments were concurred in.

The 5th amendment from the senate was amended, on motions of Mr. BOULDIN and Mr. TREDWAY, and as amended agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the 6th amendment of the senate, which is as follows: "Add, at end of third section, the following: 'If a sufficient supply of salt water cannot be obtained at the wells now producing salt water, for the production of a sufficient supply of salt for the people of the state, or cannot promptly be obtained from new wells, then the governor is directed to disregard such contracts with the states of the Confederate States; but if a surplus of water may exist, then the governor is directed to furnish to the other states of the Confederate States out of any surplus of salt water that may remain after the supply of a sufficient quantity to the state of Virginia'"—was put and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 56, noes 25.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Rockingham, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Barbour, Bigger, Blue, Booton, Carpenter, Carter, Coffman, J. D. Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Forbes, Gatewood, George, Gillespie, Gilmer, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Magruder, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, McLaughlin, Minor, R. E. Nelson, Orgain, Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Robinson, Rowan, Spady, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Walker, Ward, West, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wright—56.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bass, Bouldin, Bradford, Cecil, R. J. Davis, Flood, Franklin, Green, Jones, A. W. McDonald, Montague, Newton, Robertson, Ruthersford, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Vermillion, Williams, S. Wilson, Woodhouse and Wootten—25.

Mr. BUFORD moved to add the following: "Provided, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorize the governor to prevent owners of salt property, or their assignees, from manufacturing and selling salt from salt water or fossil salt remaining after all the uses of the state, under the provisions of this act, are supplied;" which was agreed to.

The 9th amendment of the senate was then amended, and as amended concurred in.

Ordered, that Mr. MAGRUDER carry the amendments of the house to the senate's amendments, to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. LYNCH, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to a joint resolution in relation to the adjournment of the general assembly: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. FLEMING, the resolution was taken up and read as follows:

Resolved, that the senate, when it adjourns on Monday next, will, with the concurrence of the house of delegates, adjourn to meet on the first Wednesday in January 1863, unless sooner convened by the governor, and then on such day as he may designate.

Mr. FLEMING moved to amend the resolution, by striking out "Monday next" and inserting "Thursday next;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD moved further to amend the resolution, by striking out the words "on such day as he may designate," and inserting "in pursuance of the power vested in him by the constitution."

Pending the consideration of which, the resolution and amendment were, on motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, laid on the table—Ayes 43, noes 42.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, the vote was recorded as follows:—

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bass, Bigger, Blue, Booton, Bouldin, Buford, Carter, Cazenove, R. J. Davis, Flood, Forbes, Gatewood, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Jones, Laidley, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Richardson, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, R. C. Saunders, Spady, Staples, Thomas, Tomlin, Williams, S. Wilson, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Wootten and Worsham—43.

NOES—Messrs. Barbour, Bradford, Carpenter, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, J. D. Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Franklin, George, Gillespie, Gilmer, J. H. Hopkins, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Magruder, Mallory, McLaughlin, Minor, Montague, R. E. Nelson, Reid, Rutherford, Shannon, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West and Wright—42.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Rockingham,

Resolved, that the committee on banks enquire into the propriety of amending the charter of the Bank of Rockingham.

Mr. WALKER submitted the following preamble and resolution; which being objected to, were laid over under the rule:

It being understood that the president of the Confederate States, in a communication this day addressed to the house of representatives, claims the right, and is practically exercising the power, to arrest and imprison citizens of Virginia unconnected with the army or navy, for offences not known to the laws of Virginia or the Confederate States, but constituted wholly by military orders:

Resolved by the senate and house of delegates, that the governor of Virginia be requested to cause the attorney general and the attorneys for the commonwealth to institute judicial proceedings for the purpose of testing the right so asserted by the president, and of protecting the citizens of Virginia.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1862.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Minnegerode of the Episcopal church.

Mr. CARPENTER, from the committee of roads and internal navigation, presented the following bill:

No. 26. A bill to provide for the assessment of damages on the line of the Piedmont rail road.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, from the special committee on extortion, presented the following bill:

No. 27. A bill to suppress extortion; which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. STAPLES, from the select committee to consider the condition of Virginia sick and wounded soldiers, presented a report; which was read, and on motion of Mr. STAPLES, laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 5.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. BRANNON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the first amendment proposed by the house of delegates to the amendments proposed by the senate to house bill entitled an act providing for the production, sale and distribution of salt in this commonwealth, and that they had disagreed to the 2d and 3d amendments, and asked a committee of conference upon the subjects of difference between the two houses.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the resolution for a committee of conference was agreed to.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee on the part of the house: Messrs. Barbour, Robertson, Shannon, Hopkins of Rockingham, and Buford.

Ordered, that Mr. BARBOUR inform the senate thereof.

No. 17. A bill to amend and re-enact section 3 of chapter 1 of Acts of 1861-2, concerning licenses to distill ardent spirits from fruit, with the pending amendment thereto, was taken up.

The amendment being to strike out of the following section of the bill the words "who is the bona fide owner of the distillery:—"

"Provided no license or tax shall be required of any person who is the bona fide owner of the distillery, for manufacturing thirty-three gallons, in one year, out of the fruit, vegetables, syrups, molasses, sugar cane or sugars of his own production, for his own use"—the question on agreeing thereto was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 57, noes 27.

On motion of Mr. BUFORD, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bigger, Buford, Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Coffman, J. D. Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Flood, Franklin, Garrison, George, Gillespie, Gilmer, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Magruder, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, Minor, R. E. Nelson, Orgain, Prince, Riddick, Rives, Ruthertoord, Sherrard, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson, Woolfolk, Wootten, Wright and Wynne—57.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Bass, Blue, Bouldin, Bradford, Clarke, Ewing, Fleming, Forbes, Gatewood, Green, J. H. Hopkins, Johnson, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, Newton, Pitman, Reid, Robinson, Rowan, Shannon, Spady, Walker, Williams, Woodhouse and Worsham—27.

Mr. PRINCE moved to amend the section as amended, by striking out the whole thereof, and inserting the following:

"If the distillery is engaged in distilling ardent spirits from fruit, whether produced by the owner thereof or not, and is not so engaged for more than four months, no tax shall be imposed; but if so engaged for more than four months, whether engaged in distilling fruit produced by the owner or not, the tax shall be assessed and collected as in this section provided."

The question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. BLUE demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 11, noes 74.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Buford, Carpenter, Gilmer, Kyle, Magruder, Minor, Prince, Riddick, Robertson, Staples, J. L. Wilson and Wright—11.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskerville, Bass, Bigger, Blue, Bouldin, Bradford, Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, J. D. Davis, R. J. Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gillespie, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Lively, Lockridge, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Spady, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, Williams, S. Wilson, Woodhouse, Worsham and Wynne—74.

Mr. RICHARDSON moved to amend the bill, by inserting in the first section the following: "Provided, that if the amount distilled in any one year shall exceed 500 gallons, the tax shall be \$60 for every such license; and if the amount distilled shall exceed 1,000 gallons, the tax shall be \$75 for every such license;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight moved a suspension of the rules, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was agreed to; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

The question being—Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time? Mr. MALLORY demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

The SPEAKER presented a communication from the governor, in response to a resolution of the house, in reference to the call made by him on the militia of certain counties to report to Major General Floyd; which was read, and on motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Bote-tourt, referred to the committee on military affairs, and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 4.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. COLLIER, who informed the house that the senate had agreed to a joint resolution for the establishment of a tan-yard at the penitentiary: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, the resolution heretofore communicated from the senate, in relation to the adjournment of the general assembly, with the pending amendment thereto, was taken up.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. BOULDIN moved to amend the resolution as amended, by

striking out all after the word "adjourn" and inserting "sine die. But the governor is hereby requested to convene the general assembly in special session on the first Wednesday in January 1863, unless he shall deem it necessary to convene the same at an earlier day;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. MALLORY demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative.

Mr. MAGRUDER moved a suspension of the rule, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the house agreed to an amendment substituting "Thursday next" for "Monday next;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. FLEMING, by leave of the house, withdrew the amendment.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD moved to amend the resolution as amended, by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and inserting "that the general assembly, when it adjourns on Monday next, will adjourn to meet on the first Wednesday in January 1863, unless sooner convened by the governor, in pursuance of the power vested in him by the constitution;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. McDONALD of Hampshire moved an adjournment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 26, noes 52.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, Bass, Blue, Carpenter, Carter, Evans, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, Hunt, Johnson, Lively, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Pitman, Riddick, Robinson, Rowan, Spady, Thomas, Thrash, Vermillion, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson and Worsham—26.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskervill, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, J. D. Davis, R. J. Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, George, Gillespie, H. L. Hopkins, James, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lockridge, Magruder, Mallory, Mayo, I. E. McDonald, Minor, Montague, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Rives, Rutherford, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Walker, Ward, Williams, Woodhouse and Wright—52.

Mr. BARBOUR submitted the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas it has been represented to the general assembly, that the agents of the government of the Confederate States are obtaining from the producers of salt in this commonwealth such quantities of salt, in addition to what is required for those who are in the public service, as enables them to engage in an oppressive traffic with the citizens of this commonwealth, withholding salt from them except in exchange for meat, made at rates exorbitant and oppressive:

Resolved by the general assembly, that the governor of the commonwealth be directed to call the attention of the president of the Confederate States to these oppressive practices of the agents of the government over which he presides, and to communicate to him the objections, on the part of the authorities of this commonwealth, to the purchase by the authorities of the Confederate States, within the limits of Virginia, of any salt other than such as may be required for the use of those who are engaged in the public service, or for the preservation of their supplies.

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, that Mr. BARBOUR carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 26. A bill to provide for the assessment of damages on the line of the Piedmont rail road, was taken up, read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. BUFORD, two-thirds concurring, the bill was read a second time; and the question being—Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time? Pending the consideration thereof,

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1862.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Minnegerode of the Episcopal church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Sept. 30, 1862.

The senate have passed house bills entitled:

An act to authorize the governor to settle the account of Sampson Jones, agent of Mrs. Jane A. Griffin, No. 8.

An act incorporating the Pleasant grove lead and zinc mining and manufacturing company, No. 14.

An act to incorporate the Union manufacturing company in the county of Fluvanna, No. 1.

They have passed house bill entitled:

An act to protect and indemnify citizens of Virginia, No. 6, with an amendment.

They have agreed to the amendment proposed by the house of delegates to the resolution in relation to the adjournment of the general assembly.

In which amendment they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill:

No. 27. A bill concerning salaries of certain officers of government.

The amendment proposed by the senate to house bill entitled an act to protect and indemnify citizens of Virginia, was taken up.

Mr. SPADY moved to amend the amendment, by adding thereto: "provided, that this section shall not apply to any office holders in the counties of Accomack and Northampton, until thirty days after the passage of this act."

Pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. BOULDIN, the bill and amendments were committed to the committee for courts of justice.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. BRANNON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the

report of the committee of conference as to the differences between the two houses in relation to the bill for the production, sale and distribution of salt in this commonwealth.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on the part of the house, presented the report; which was agreed to.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight,

Resolved, that leave be given to bring in a bill to provide for the qualification of sheriffs and other public officers prevented from qualifying by reason of the public enemy.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Wilson of Isle of Wight, Rutherford and Baker.

Subsequently, Mr. WILSON, from the committee, presented the following bill:

No. 28. A bill to provide for the qualification of sheriffs and other public officers prevented from qualifying within the periods now prescribed by law, by reason of the public enemy; which was read a first time, and on motion of Mr. WILSON, two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. WILSON carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 15. An engrossed bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to prevent the unnecessary consumption of grain by distillers and other manufacturers of spirituous and malt liquors, was taken up, on motion of Mr. JAMES, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. WARD carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, transmitting copies of a communication referred to the war department by Maj. Gen. Loring; the reply of Adjutant General Richardson to a letter of Hon. George W. Randolph, secretary of war, transmitting the letter to him, and the report of Major General Floyd in reply; which were read, and on motion of Mr. McCAMANT, referred to the committee on military affairs, and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 6.

On motion of Mr. McCAMANT,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs enquire into the expediency of authorizing the governor of this commonwealth to vacate the commissions of disloyal brigadier generals, and to commission others in their stead, assigning his reasons therefor.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY,

Resolved, that the clerk of this house be required to make out a correct copy of the bill to provide for the production, distribution and sale of salt in this commonwealth, and furnish the same to the public press.

On motion of Mr. SAUNDERS of Campbell,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs enquire into the expediency of transferring the army of Virginia to the Confederate States.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. GARNETT, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a bill entitled an act to repeal the fence law of Virginia as to certain counties, and to authorize the county courts to dispense with enclosures in other counties: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 17. An engrossed bill to amend and re-enact section 33 of chapter 1 of the Acts of 1861-2, concerning a license to distill spirits from fruit, &c. was taken up, on motion of Mr. MALLORY, read a third time and passed—Ayes 77, noes 4.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskerville, Bass, Bigger, Blue, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, J. D. Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Ewing, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gillespie, Gilmer, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Magruder, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Minor, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, S. Wilson, Woodhouse, Wooten, Worsham and Wynne—77.

NOES—Messrs. Dabney, Rives, J. L. Wilson and Wright—4.

Ordered, that Mr. MALLORY carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

The following engrossed bills were read a third time and passed:

No. 10. An engrossed bill to amend the 43d and 44th sections of chapter 87 of the Code, so as to increase the fees of tobacco inspectors.

No. 12. An engrossed bill to incorporate the Rockingham savings bank in the town of Harrisonburg.

No. 13. An engrossed bill to suppress the circulation of counterfeit notes within the commonwealth.

No. 16. An engrossed bill to legalize the records and proceedings of the county court of Essex county, at the June, July and August terms of said court held at Miller's tavern in said county.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 26. A bill to provide for the assessment of damages on the line of the Piedmont rail road, being the unfinished business of yesterday, was taken up.

The bill was then amended, and as amended, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Mr. CAZENOVE submitted the following resolutions; which, on his motion, were referred to the committee on military affairs:

Resolved by the general assembly, that the thanks of the commonwealth of Virginia are due and are hereby tendered to Flag Officer French Forrest, and the officers and men under his command, for the gallant and meritorious conduct displayed by them in the capture, on the 21st of April 1861, of the navy yard at Gosport, Virginia, and the saving from destruction, by fire and pillage, the large amount of

property, as detailed in the report of Commissioner Peters, and for the promptitude and energy displayed by him and those under his command, in the erection of a battery at Hospital point to prevent a recapture.

Resolved, that these resolutions be communicated by the governor to Flag Officer French Forrest, and by him to the officers and men who served under his command.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER,

Resolved, with the concurrence of the senate, that this house will, on to-morrow at 1 o'clock, proceed to the election of the assessors required by the act entitled an act to provide for the production, distribution and sale of salt in this commonwealth.

Ordered, that Mr. MAGRUDER carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, the house resolved itself into secret session.

The doors being opened,

A message was received from the senate by Mr. COLLIER, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a bill entitled an act amending and re-enacting the 2d section of chapter 22 of the Code of Virginia, respecting persons exempt from all military duties, and providing the mode of exemption, passed Feb. 18th, 1862: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight, the bill was taken up, read a first and second times, and on motion of Mr. WILSON, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1862.

A message from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Oct. 1, 1862.

The senate have passed house bill entitled:

An act legalizing the manufacture of alcohol, No: 7.

And have agreed to the joint resolution from the house of delegates for the election of assessors authorized by the act for the production, distribution and sale of salt in this commonwealth.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bills:

No. 29. A bill for the relief of Judge George W. Thompson; which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

No. 30. A bill to amend and re-enact section 1 of chapter 80 of the Acts of 1861-2, passed March 27, 1862; which was read a first time, and on motion of Mr. MAGRUDER, read a second time, two-thirds concurring, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the same committee, to whom had been recommitted house bill entitled :

No. 9. An act to protect and indemnify citizens of Virginia, with the amendments thereto proposed by the senate, presented the same, with certain amendments to the amendments of the senate ; which was taken up, on motion of Mr. GARRISON, and the amendments proposed by the committee agreed to.

The amendment of the senate was then further amended on motion of Mr. FORBES, and as amended, agreed to.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the same committee, to whom had been referred

No. 4. A senate bill entitled an act to redress loyal citizens injured by the exercise of usurped power, reported the same without amendment.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the same committee, presented a report adverse to the expediency of granting amnesty to citizens of Virginia who have taken the oath of allegiance to the government of the United States.

No. 27. A bill concerning salaries of certain officers of government, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. GARRISON submitted the following preamble and resolution ; which were agreed to :

Whereas information has been received that Adam Small, a member of the house of delegates from the county of Berkeley, and Matthew Harrison, a member of said house from the county of Loudoun, have been captured by the enemy, and are now confined in prison : Therefore,

Be it resolved by the house of delegates, that the governor of the commonwealth be instructed to communicate to the president the fact of the capture and imprisonment of the said Adam Small and the said Matthew Harrison, and that he do request the president to use every means in his power, consistent with his duties and the laws and regulations of the Confederate States, to procure the release of the said prisoners.

No. 9. A senate bill entitled an act to repeal the fence law of Virginia, as to certain counties, and to authorize the county courts to dispense with enclosures in other counties, was read a first and second times, amended, and as amended, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. WILEY, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed house bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to prevent the unnecessary consumption of grain by distillers and other manufacturers of spirituous and malt liquors, with an amendment : in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. THOMPSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed house bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact the 33d section of chapter 1st of the Acts of 1861-2, concerning a license to distill ardent spirits from fruit, &c., with an amendment: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

A resolution from the senate for the establishment of a tan-yard at the penitentiary, was referred to the joint committee on the penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. BOOTON,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing for the protection of citizens against illegal seizures of property in their possession, by partisan rangers, or other military authority of the confederate government.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs enquire into the expediency of so amending the exemption laws of the state as to include commissioners in chancery in the county courts.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill modifying the stay law at least so far as may be necessary to give protection to securities.

The SPEAKER laid before the house the following communication from the governor, enclosing a letter from the adjutant general; which were read, and on motion of Mr. BLUE, referred to the committee on military affairs:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Oct. 2, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Delegates:

I herewith transmit a communication from the adjutant general on a subject of interest and importance, and commend it to your consideration and such action as you may deem advisable.

I again respectfully renew the recommendation contained in my message at the opening of this session, in regard to officers of the militia who are disloyal or refuse to obey the orders of the executive. In that portion of Western and Northwestern Virginia which has been overrun by the public enemy, we have very few militia officers who can be relied upon to execute the orders of the executive. Under existing laws we have no means of reaching such officers, except through the agency of courts martial, and these cannot be held in that section of the state. It is of the first importance, therefore, that some legislation shall be had upon this subject before your adjournment.

Respectfully,

JOHN LETCHER.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
September 30, 1862.

SIR :

Permit me to suggest for your consideration the expediency, under existing circumstances, of extending the provisions of the act of 7th of March 1862, in regard to the second class militia, over the whole state, and a thorough organization of that class, for home service, during the continuance of the war; also, a re-examination of all men who were exempted by the local boards. In many cases, physical disability which then existed, exists no longer, yet many able-bodied men shelter themselves under the exemption. In addition, to constitute a board consisting of three justices for each regiment, with authority to assess, and cause the militia fines to be promptly collected, suspending for a time the sections of the 31st chapter of the Code of 1860, relating to regimental and battalion courts of enquiry, which are now practically inoperative.

Very respectfully, y'r ob't serv't,

WM. H. RICHARDSON, *A. G.*

His Excellency JOHN LETCHER,
Governor of Virginia.

The joint order of the day for the election of five assessors, under the act entitled an act for the production, sale and distribution of salt in this commonwealth, was taken up.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER,

Resolved, the senate concurring, that this house will elect the five assessors at the same time.

Mr. McCAMANT nominated Col. *John A. Saunders* of Wythe.

Mr. GEORGE nominated *Thomas J. Higginbotham* of Tazewell.

Mr. MAGRUDER nominated *Thomas Wood* of Albemarle.

Mr. COFFMAN nominated *Allen C. Hammond* of Berkeley.

Mr. WOOLFOLK nominated *Reuben L. Gordon* of Orange.

Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight nominated *Robert L. Whitfield* of Isle of Wight.

Mr. EDMUNDS nominated *William L. Gogg'n* of Bedford.

Mr. WYNNE nominated *Peachy R. Grattan* of Richmond city.

Mr. FORBES nominated *Walker P. Conway* of Spotsylvania.

Mr. JAMES nominated *C. E. Doddridge* of Kanawha.

Mr. WALKER nominated *John N. Hendren* of Augusta.

Mr. LIVELY nominated *A. A. Chapman* of Monroe.

Mr. MALLORY nominated *James H. Cox* of Chesterfield.

Mr. RICHARDSON nominated *Elliott Vawter* of Mercer.

Mr. STAPLES nominated *Francis B. Deane, jr.* of Lynchburg.

Mr. WORSHAM nominated *George W. Bolling* of Petersburg.

Mr. DABNEY nominated *Edmund W. Hubbard* of Buckingham.

Mr. LOCKRIDGE nominated *Paul McNeil* of Pocahontas.

Ordered, that Mr. McCAMANT inform the senate that the house of delegates was ready on its part to proceed to the execution of the joint order, and that the foregoing gentlemen were in nomination.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. THOMPSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the following resolution :

Resolved, that the senate will, with the concurrence of the house of delegates, proceed to the election of one of the five assessors authorized to be elected by the provisions of an act for the production, sale and distribution of salt.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER,

Resolved, that the senate be requested to return to the house of delegates the message just communicated to the senate.

Ordered, that Mr. MAGRUDER carry the same to the senate.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. THOMPSON, returning the message.

The resolution from the senate was then concurred in.

Ordered, that Mr. BARBOUR inform the senate that the house of delegates was ready on its part to proceed to the election of one assessor, and that the gentlemen before named were in nomination before that body.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Resolved, the senate consenting, that this house will take a recess until half-past seven o'clock this afternoon.

Ordered, that Mr. JONES carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. ARMSTRONG, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the resolution.

The SPEAKER vacated the chair until 7½ o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. THOMPSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the following joint resolution :

Resolved, that the senate is ready to proceed to the election of an assessor, under the act to provide for the production, sale and distribution of salt, and that nominations have been made for that office only for the southwestern section of the state. The names of gentlemen in nomination are *Arthur C. Cummings* of Abingdon, and *Elliott Vawter* of Mercer.

On motion of Mr. McCAMANT,

Resolved, the senate concurring, that the execution of the joint order, which has for its object the election of assessors, be postponed until 12 o'clock to-morrow.

Ordered, that Mr. McCAMANT carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. BALL, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the resolution.

On motion of Mr. GRATTAN,

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to consider the propriety of refunding moneys paid for exemption by parties under the exemption laws of Virginia, where such parties were denied the benefit of such exemption by reason of the conscript act.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Grattan, Rutherford and Edmunds.

No. 29. A bill for the relief of Judge George W. Thompson, was taken up, on motion of Mr. RUTHERFOORD, and, two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, the house resolved itself into secret session.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON,

Resolved, that when the house adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1862.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Oct. 2, 1862.

The senate have passed house bills entitled:

An act to legalize the records and proceedings of the county court of Essex county, at the June, July and August terms of said court held at Miller's tavern in said county, No. 16.

An act to provide for the qualification of sheriffs and other public officers prevented from qualifying within the period now prescribed by law, by reason of the public enemy, No. 28.

They have passed a bill entitled:

An act prescribing the oath to be taken by any person who applies for a license, No. 3.

And they have agreed to a joint resolution authorizing the branch of the Exchange Bank of Virginia at Richmond to declare a dividend for the six months ending 30th June 1862, and to joint resolutions guaranteeing to the people of the northwestern section of the state the construction of a rail road connecting that portion of the state with the seaboard, at the earliest day practicable.

In which bill and resolutions they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. BIGGER,

Resolved, that a special committee be appointed to bring in a bill for the relief of Thomas U. Dudley, sergeant of the city of Richmond.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution:

Messrs. Bigger, Eggleston, Taylor of Amelia, Davis of Amherst, and Walker.

Mr. BIGGER, from the committee, subsequently presented the following bill :

No. 32. A bill for the relief of the sergeant of the city of Richmond ; which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. BIGGER moved that the bill be again read this day ; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and two-thirds concurring, decided in the affirmative.

The bill was then amended, on motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, so as to include the sergeant of the city of Petersburg, and as amended, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 27. A bill to suppress extortion, was taken up, amended, and as amended, read a second time ; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. MINOR moved the indefinite postponement of the bill. Pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, the house resolved itself into secret session.

The doors being opened,

The house proceeded to the execution of the joint order of the day, which had for its object the election of five assessors, under the act for the production, sale and distribution of salt.

The resolution heretofore communicated from the senate in relation to the election of an assessor from the southwestern portion of the state, was taken up ; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. McCAMANT withdrew the name of *John A. Saunders* of Wythe.

Mr. EDMUNDS withdrew the name of *William L. Goggin*.

Mr. MALLORY withdrew the name of *James H. Cox* of Chesterfield.

Mr. WORSHAM withdrew the name of *George W. Bolling* of Petersburg.

Mr. LOCKRIDGE withdrew the name of *Paul McNeil*.

Ordered, that Mr. McCAMANT inform the senate that the house, on their part, was ready to proceed to the execution of the joint order, and that the gentlemen before mentioned had been withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. WOOLFOLK,

Resolved, that the senate be requested to return to the house of delegates the message just communicated, that the house was ready on its part, in execution of the joint order, to proceed to the election of one assessor.

Ordered, that Mr. WOOLFOLK carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. THOMPSON, returning the message.

On motion of Mr. GRATTAN,

Resolved, that the senate be requested to return the message communicated on yesterday, in relation to the election of assessors, and that the senate be informed that the house is now ready to proceed

to the election of five assessors, and that the name of *Samuel Price* of Greenbrier had been added to the nominations.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. THOMPSON, returning the message, and informing the house that the senate had agreed to the resolution, and was ready, on its part, to proceed to the execution of the joint order.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. COLLIER, who informed the house of delegates that the name of *E. L. Lunsford* had been added to the nominations:

The roll was then called, with the following result:

For Reuben L. Gordon—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bigger, Blue, Booton, Buford, Carter, Cazenove, Coleman, Dabney, J. D. Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Garrison, George, Gillespie, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kyle, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Minor, Murdaugh, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Payne, Prince, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, J. L. Wilson, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Wooten, Worsham, Wright and Wynne—66.

For Peachy R. Grattan—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Baker, Bass, Bigger, Blue, Bouldin, Buford, Carter, R. J. Davis, Edmunds, Flood, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Hunt, Jones, Kyle, Laidley, Lynn, Magruder, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, Minor, Newton, Orgain, Payne, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, Rutherford, Thomas, Tredway, Walker, Williams and Wooten—39.

For T. J. Higginbotham—Messrs. Ambers, Barbour, Booton, Clarke, Dabney, J. D. Davis, Dice, Dunn, George, Gillespie, Laidley, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, Richardson, Thrash, Williams, S. Wilson and Woolfolk—18.

For John N. Hendren—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Coleman, Dice, Dunn, Edmunds, Flood, Gatewood, Gilmer, Grattan, James, Kyle, Lively, Magruder, Mallory, McCamant, Minor, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Prince, Reid, Robertson, Rowan, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Walker, Williams, J. L. Wilson and Worsham—31.

For E. L. Lunsford—Messrs. Bigger, Dice, H. L. Hopkins, Lockridge, Minor, Orgain, Rives, Woolfolk, Wright and Wynne—10.

For A. C. Cummings—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Blue, Booton, Buford, Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, R. J. Davis, Franklin, Gatewood, Grattan, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mayo, Minor, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Payne, Pitman, Riddick, Robertson, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, F. G. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, J. L. Wilson and Wynne—39.

For A. A. Chapman—Messrs. James, Johnson, Jordan, Lively, Mallory, I. E. McDonald, Pitman, Rives, Rowan and Walker—10.

For Samuel Price—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Baker, Bass, Blue, Bouldin, J. D. Davis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Flood, Gilmer, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Jones, Laidley, Lockridge, Lundy, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, Newton, Prince, Reid, Robertson, Rutherford, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Williams, S. Wilson, Wooten and Wright—34.

For Elliott Vaxter—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Bass, Clarke, Dunn, Eggleston, Garrison, George, Gillespie, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lynn, McLaughlin, Richardson, Vermillion, Woodhouse, Woolfolk and Wooten—18.

For E. W. Hubbard—Messrs. Coleman, Dabney, Flood, Lynn, Orgain, R. F. Taylor and Worsham—7.

For Robert H. Whitfield—Messrs. Ambers, Baker, Bouldin, Buford, Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, J. D. Davis, R. J. Davis, Dunn, Eggleston, Franklin, Garrison, Gillespie, Gilmer, James, Johnson, Jordan, Laidley, Lively, Lundy, Lynn, I. E. McDonald, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson, Woodhouse, Worsham and Wright—46.

For Allen C. Hammond—Messrs. Barbour, Bigger, Blue, Booton, Bouldin, Cazenove, Dunn, Eggleston, Gatewood, Grattan, Green, Hunt, Johnson, Lockridge, Lynn, McLaughlin, Pitman, Rives, Robinson, Shannon, Sherrard, Thomas, Vermillion, Williams and Woodhouse—25.

For Francis B. Deane, jr.—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bouldin, Buford, Carter, Clarke, Dabney, J. D. Davis, R. J. Davis, Dunn, Edmunds, Eggleston, Flood, Garrison, Gatewood, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Lundy, Magruder, Murdaugh, Riddick, Robertson, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson, Woodhouse, Wooten and Worsham—38.

For C. E. Doddridge—Messrs. Bigger, Gatewood, James, Johnson, Lively, Mayo, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Payne, Pitman, Richardson, Robinson, Rowan, Thomas and Wynne—15.

For Walker P. Conaway—Messrs. Ambers, Barbour, Bass, Borton, Cazenove, Coleman, Dabney, Franklin, George, Gillespie, Green, Lynn, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Payne, Reid, Robinson, Sherrard, S. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wright—21.

For Thomas Wood—Messrs. R. J. Davis, Dice, Franklin, Jones, Magruder, Minor, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Reid and Sherrard—10.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee, to meet a committee on the part of the senate, and count the vote: Messrs. McCamant, Hopkins of Petersburg, Magruder, Woolfolk, Wynne, James, Walker, Blue, Richardson, Staples and Coffinan, who, having performed that duty, subsequently, through Mr. McCAMANT, their chairman, reported as follows:

The committee appointed to count the joint vote cast for the election of five assessors, have discharged the duty assigned them, and submit the following report:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	-	116
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	59
Of which <i>Reuben L. Gordon</i> received	-	-	-	74
<i>Samuel Price</i>	"	-	-	56
<i>Arthur C. Cummings</i>	"	-	-	56
<i>Francis B. Deane, jr.</i>	"	-	-	55
<i>Elliott Vawter</i>	"	-	-	33
<i>C. E. Doddridge</i>	"	-	-	29
<i>W. P. Conaway</i>	"	-	-	33
<i>Peachy R. Grattan</i>	"	-	-	51
<i>E. W. Hubbard</i>	"	-	-	19
<i>Thomas Wood</i>	"	-	-	16
<i>A. A. Chapman</i>	"	-	-	14
<i>E. L. Lunsford</i>	"	-	-	14
<i>John N. Hendren</i>	"	-	-	31
<i>R. H. Whitfield</i>	"	-	-	46
<i>Thomas J. Higginbotham</i> received	-	-	-	18

Reuben L. Gordon having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected an assessor.

There being no election for the four other assessors, messages were interchanged between the two houses, of a readiness to proceed to the further execution of the joint order.

Mr. MAGRUDER withdrew the name of *Thos. Wood*.

Mr. COFFMAN withdrew the name of *Allen C. Hammond*.

Mr. DABNEY withdrew the name of *E. W. Hubbard*.

Mr. LIVELY withdrew the name of *A. A. Chapman*.

Mr. RICHARDSON withdrew the name of *Elliott Vawter*.

Mr. WALKER withdrew the name of *John N. Hendren*.

The roll was then called, with the following result:

For Samuel Price—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Blue, Borton, Bouldin, Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, J. D. Davis, Dice, Duun, Edmunds, Eggleston, Flood, Franklin, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gillespie, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Magruder, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Payne, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Wal-

ker, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Worsham, Wright and Wynne—77.

For Arthur C. Cummings—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Bass, Bigger, Blue, Booton, Buford, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, J. D. Davis, R. J. Davis, Dice, Dunn, Eggleston, Flood, Franklin, Gatewood, Grattan, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Magruder, Mayo, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Payne, Pitman, Reid, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Vermillion, Walker, Williams, Woodhouse, Worsham and Wynne—57.

For Peachy R. Grattan—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Blue, Booton, Bouldin, Buford, Carter, Cazenove, Coleman, R. J. Davis, Edmunds, Flood, Franklin, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, J. H. Hopkins, Jones, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Magruder, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Newton, Orgain, Payne, Pitman, Reid, Robertson, Robinson, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Walker, Williams and Wynne—50.

For Francis B. Deane, jr.—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Blue, Booton, Bouldin, Buford, Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, J. D. Davis, R. J. Davis, Dice, Dunn, Edmunds, Eggleston, Flood, Franklin, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gillespie, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, Mayo, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Payne, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Vermillion, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Worsham, Wright and Wynne—74.

For R. H. Whitfield—Messrs. Ambers, Baker, Barbour, Bouldin, Buford, Carter, Clarke, J. D. Davis, R. J. Davis, Dice, Dunn, Edmunds, Eggleston, Garrison, Gillespie, Gilmer, H. L. Hopkins, Johnson, Jordan, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Mallory, McCamant, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Prince, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wright—50.

For W. P. Conway—Messrs. George, Gillespie, Lynn, Murdaugh, Prince, Riddick, Rives, S. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wright—10.

For C. E. Doddridge—Messrs. Johnson, McCamant, Isaac E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Richardson, Rowan, Tate and J. L. Wilson—8.

Ordered, that the same committee count the joint vote.

Subsequently, Mr. McCAMANT, from the committee, presented the following report:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	-	112
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	-	57
Of which <i>Samuel Price</i> received	-	-	-	101
<i>Arthur C. Cummings</i> received	-	-	-	82
<i>Francis B. Deane, jr.</i> “	-	-	-	94
<i>C. E. Doddridge</i> “	-	-	-	18
<i>Peachy R. Grattan</i> “	-	-	-	71
<i>Allen G. Hammond</i> “	-	-	-	11
<i>R. H. Whitfield</i> “	-	-	-	56
<i>W. P. Conway</i> “	-	-	-	12

Samuel Price, Arthur C. Cummings, Francis B. Deane, jr. and Peachy R. Grattan having received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared duly elected.

On motion of Mr. GRATTAN,

Resolved, that a committee of three members of this house be appointed, who shall wait upon the secretary of war, and acquaint him with the fact, that certain Virginia officers are still detained as prisoners of war—and learn from him what, if any, redress the confederate government proposes, and report to this house.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee, under the resolution: Messrs. Grattan, Bouldin, and Robertson of Richmond city.

Mr. GRATTAN, from a special committee, presented the following

bill; which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time:

No. 33. A bill to refund money received for exemptions from military duty.

The amendment proposed by the senate to amendments proposed by the house of delegates to senate bill entitled an act to repeal the fence law of Virginia as to certain counties, and to authorize the county courts to dispense with enclosures in other counties, was taken up and concurred in.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. GILMER,

Resolved, that the clerk of this house be and he is hereby authorized to cause to be paid to George W. Wilson, acting second door-keeper of the house of delegates, the sum due him as such, for his services from the first day of the present session.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1862.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Oct. 3, 1862.

The senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by the house of delegates to the amendments of the senate to house bill entitled:

An act to protect and indemnify citizens of Virginia, No. 6.

And they have passed a bill entitled:

An act to amend and re-enact the twelfth section of chapter twenty of the Code of Virginia, so as to compensate the printer to the senate for printing and binding the journals of the senate at extra sessions, No. 18.

In which they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 18. A senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact the twelfth section of chapter twenty of the Code of Virginia, so as to compensate the printer to the senate for printing and binding the journals of the senate at extra sessions, was read a first and second times, and on motion of Mr. McCAMANT, read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? the roll was called, with the following result—Ayes 63, noes 2:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Blue, Bouldin, Buford, Carter, Cazenove, Coffman, Coleman, J. D. Davis, R. J. Davis, Dunn, Eggleston, Ewing, Flood, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gillespie, Gilmer, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Kyle, Lively, Lynn, Magruder, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Payne, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Walker, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson, Woodhouse and Worsham—63.

NOES—Messrs. Mallory and Rives—2.

Resolved, that the bill be rejected.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY, the rule was suspended, with the view of reconsidering the vote by which the bill was rejected; and the bill laid on the table.

No. 3. A senate bill entitled an act amending an act prescribing the oath to be taken by any person who applies for license, was read a first and second times, and on motion, laid on the table.

The following preamble and resolutions, communicated from the senate, were concurred in:

Whereas, by the secession of Virginia from the late Union, and her accession to the Confederacy, the northwestern section of the state has become a border on a foreign and hostile nation, and has no direct intercourse in trade and travel with other and more favored portions of the state, and the prosperity of that, as well as other sections of the state, will be greatly promoted by a closer union and more frequent intercommunication: And whereas, on the 17th day of January 1862, the general assembly of Virginia did resolve to "maintain the jurisdiction and sovereignty of the state of Virginia to the uttermost limits of her ancient boundaries, at any and every cost;" and the congress of the Confederate States, on the 22d day of January 1862, by resolution, did "pledge all the resources of the Confederacy to uphold her determination aforesaid:." Therefore,

1. Resolved by the general assembly of Virginia, that increased facilities of trade and travel between the northwestern section of the state and the capital and seaboard, are demanded alike by the welfare of that section and permanent interest of the whole state, in peace and in war, and that justice and sound policy require that such facilities be established without unnecessary delay.

2. Resolved, that the general assembly declare, as an assurance to the citizens of the said northwestern section, that the available resources of the commonwealth shall be liberally devoted to the construction of a rail road which shall connect that section with the interior and seaboard of the state, whereby the enterprise, energy and resources of that section may be encouraged and developed at the earliest practicable date.

3. Resolved, that in the opinion of this general assembly, immediately on the conclusion of the existing war, the state should cause experimental surveys to be made, to ascertain the best, cheapest, shortest and most practicable route for a rail road connection between that part of the state and the capital.

A joint resolution from the senate, authorizing the branch of the Exchange Bank of Virginia at Richmond to declare a dividend for the six months ending 30th June 1862, was taken up and concurred in.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the committee on military affairs, presented the following bill:

No. 34. A bill to authorize and require the governor to transfer to the confederate government the army of Virginia, upon certain conditions.

Mr. HUNTT, from the committee on enrolled bills, presented the following report:

The committee on enrolled bills have examined sundry such bills,

and finding them correctly enrolled, they are respectfully reported for further examination.

Mr. HOPKINS, from the special committee on extortion, presented the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the general assembly, that the board of public works be instructed to adopt such measures as they may deem most expedient, to require the different rail road companies, whose roads terminate in the cities of Richmond and Petersburg, to furnish a sufficient number of wood cars for the transportation of wood into the said cities, to supply the demand for the same; and that they cause the same to be transported to the said cities at a reasonable rate of tolls. To accomplish which, the said board are requested to use all the power conferred on them by law for the supervision and control of said companies: provided, that if the said companies be opposed to the transportation of wood, the burden thereof be apportioned equitably among them, and in such a manner as not to interfere with their transportation for the confederate government.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. ROBERTSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a bill entitled an act to enlarge the powers of the common council of the city of Richmond, No. 12: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. BALL, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed an act entitled an act to change the time of holding the next general election for members of the general assembly, No. 17; an act to prescribe the mode of filling vacancies in the general assembly of Virginia in certain cases, No. 14; an act with regard to general and special elections of members of congress during the present war: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. THOMPSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a resolution authorizing the governor to fill vacancies in the office of assessor under the act to provide for the production, sale and distribution of salt.

The resolution was subsequently taken up and concurred in.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

No. 29. An engrossed bill for the relief of Judge George W. Thompson, was taken up, on motion of Mr. RUTHERFOORD, read a third time and passed—Ayes 73.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Blue, Bouldin, Buford, Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffin, Coleman, J. D. Davis, R. J. Davis, Dunn, Eggleston, Flood, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gillespie, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Lively, Lundy, Lynn, Magruder, Mallary, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Mundaugh, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Payne, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson, Woodhouse, Wooten, Worsham and Wynne—73.

Ordered, that Mr. RUTHERFOORD carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 30. An engrossed bill to amend and re-enact section 1 of chap-

ter 80 of the Acts of 1861-2, passed March 27, 1862, was taken up, on motion of Mr. MAGRUDER, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. MAGRUDER carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 32. A bill for the relief of the sergeant of the city of Richmond and the sergeant of the city of Petersburg, was taken up, on motion of Mr. WYNNE, and read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? the roll was called, with the following result—Ayes 43, noes 21:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Blue, Bouldin, Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Dabney, J. D. Davis, Dunn, Eggleston, Ewing, Franklin, Gatewood, Gillespie, Gilmer, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Jordan, Magruder, Mayo, McLaughlin, Newton, Payne, Pitman, Richardson, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Shannon, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Williams, Samuel Wilson, Woodhouse, Wootten and Wynne—43.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Flood, Garrison, George, Johnson, Jones, Kyle, Lundy, Lynn, Mallory, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, Orgain, Rives, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Staples, Thrash, Vermillion, Walker and J. L. Wilson—21.

Resolved, that the bill be rejected.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt, the rule was suspended, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected; and the bill laid on the table.

The unfinished business of yesterday, being a motion to postpone indefinitely a bill to suppress extortion, was taken up; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 34, noes 36.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Bigger, Bouldin, Buford, Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Dabney, R. J. Davis, Dunn, Garrison, Gilmer, Green, Jones, Magruder, Newton, Orgain, Reid, Rives, Robertson, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tyler, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson, Woodhouse and Wynne—34.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bass, Blue, Coffman, J. D. Davis, Eggleston, Ewing, Flood, Franklin, Gatewood, George, Gillespie, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Johnson, Jordan, Kyle, Lively, Lundy, Lynn, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, Pitman, Richardson, Riddick, Robinson, Rowan, Sherrard, Staples, Vermillion, Walker and Worsham—36.

Mr. ROBINSON moved that the bill be postponed until the first Wednesday in January next; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 38, noes 33.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Bigger, Bouldin, Buford, Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Dabney, R. J. Davis, Dunn, Ewing, Garrison, Gilmer, Green, Jones, Magruder, Mallory, Newton, Orgain, Payne, Reid, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson, Woodhouse and Wynne—38.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bass, Blue, J. D. Davis, Eggleston, Flood, Franklin, Gatewood, George, Gillespie, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Johnson, Jordan, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lundy, Lynn, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, Pitman, Richardson, Rowan, Sherrard, Staples, Vermillion, Walker, Wootten and Worsham—33.

Mr. GREEN submitted the following resolution; which being objected to, was laid over under the rule:

Whereas E. P. Pitts, judge of the 5th circuit of the state of Virginia, has been charged with disloyalty against the state of Virginia and against the Confederate States of America, in adhering to, and

giving aid, comfort and counsel to the enemies of said state and Confederate States, and by other acts and conduct; and it is proper to take such charges into consideration, and if sustained, to remove said E. P. Pitts from his office aforesaid: Therefore,

Be it resolved (with the concurrence of the senate), that on the 15th day of January 1863, both houses of the general assembly will proceed to consider said charges, and if the same be sustained, to remove said E. P. Pitts from his said office.

Resolved further, that notice be given said E. P. Pitts, judge as aforesaid, of the proceedings proposed to be had against him, and of the causes alleged for his removal, by a publication of this preamble and resolutions in two newspapers printed in Richmond, for at least eight weeks prior to said 15th day of January 1863.

The following bills were read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time:

No. 23. A bill changing the times and mode of holding elections in counties and cities of the commonwealth which have been or may hereafter be in possession of the public enemy.

No. 33. A bill to refund money received for exemption from military duty.

No. 19. A bill authorizing the issue of certificates of debt.

No. 20. A bill for the relief of the securities of William Paris, late sheriff of Appomattox county.

The following bills were read a second time, and on motions severally made, were laid on the table:

No. 18. A bill with regard to general and special elections of members of congress during the present war.

No. 24. A bill authorizing certain classes of citizens to vote out of their counties and corporations during the present war.

No. 25. A bill to regulate the charges of express companies on parcels or packages forwarded by or for persons in the military or naval service, in time of war, insurrection or invasion.

On motion of Mr. BUFORD,

Resolved, that a special committee of five be appointed to enquire into the expediency of amending the third section of the act passed March 7, 1862, amending the charter of the town of Danville.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Buford, Gilmer, Dabney, Davis of Campbell, and Riddick.

Mr. MALLORY moved that the house take a recess until 8 o'clock; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put; and it appearing that no quorum voted (the majority of those present being in the affirmative), the SPEAKER decided that the motion was rejected, on the ground that less than a quorum was incompetent to do any business except to adjourn from day to day or compel the attendance of members. From this decision Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg appealed; and the question being—Shall the decision of the CHAIR stand as the judgment of the house? on motion of Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight, the appeal was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight, the house adjourned until Monday, 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1862.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows :

IN SENATE, Oct. 4, 1862.

The senate have passed house bills entitled :

An act for the relief of Judge George W. Thompson, No. 29.

An act to amend and re-enact section 1 of chapter 80 of the Acts of 1861-2, passed March 27, 1862.

The committee on enrolled bills having examined sundry such bills, and found them correctly enrolled, they have been signed by the president of the senate, and are now communicated for further signature.

On motion of Mr. SAUNDERS of Campbell,

Resolved, that the message of the governor, with accompanying documents, in reference to the Virginia state line, heretofore referred to the committee on military affairs, be printed.

Mr. BUFORD, from the special committee, presented the following bill :

No. 36. A bill to amend the charter of the town of Danville; which was read a first time, and on motion of Mr. BUFORD, two-thirds concurring, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. BUFORD carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. DICKINSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed the bill.

A joint resolution to provide for the transportation of wood, on certain rail roads, into the cities of Richmond and Petersburg, was taken up, on motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, and agreed to.

Ordered, that Mr. HOPKINS carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate, that the senate had agreed to the resolution.

The SPEAKER laid before the house the following communication from the governor; which was read, and on motion of Mr. McCAMANT, laid on the table :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Oct. 6, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Delegates :

I have the honor to transmit the enclosed letter from the private secretary of his excellency the president of the Confederate States, in response to your resolution respecting Adam Small of Berkeley county, and Matthew Harrison of Loudoun county, members of the house of delegates. The letter breathes the proper spirit, and cannot fail to command the approval of the general assembly.

Respectfully,

JOHN LETCHER.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Executive Department,
Richmond, Va., Oct. 4, 1862.

SIR:

I am directed by the president to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d instant, enclosing a resolution of the general assembly in relation to the capture and imprisonment by the enemy of Messrs. Small and Harrison, members of the house of delegates of Virginia.

The case is one which claims of the confederate government every effort which can consistently be made to obtain the release as requested.

When the agent for the exchange of prisoners answers the demands made upon the government of the United States in relation to the arrest and deportation of non-combatants, the president hopes to be able to assure you of the speedy return of the gentlemen in question to their constituents.

I have the honor, sir, to present to you the compliments of the president.

Your obt. servant,

BURTON N. HARRISON,
Private Secretary.

His Excellency JOHN LETCHER.

No. 3. A senate bill entitled an act prescribing the oath to be taken by a person who applies for a license, was taken up, on motion of Mr. BARBOUR, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. BARBOUR inform the senate thereof.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. CARSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a bill entitled an act for the dismissal of militia officers for treason or disloyalty; which was read a first and second times, and on motion of Mr. McCAMANT, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. McCAMANT inform the senate thereof.

Mr. JONES of Gloucester, from the committee on military affairs, presented the following resolutions; which were agreed to:

Resolved by the general assembly of Virginia, that the thanks of the general assembly are due, and are hereby cordially tendered to Major General J. B. MAGRUDER, and to the officers and men composing the army of the peninsula, lately under his command, for the skill, energy, endurance and gallantry displayed by them in holding in check and successfully resisting, previous to the arrival of reinforcements under General JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON, the numerous and well appointed army of the United States under Major General McClellan, aided by formidable gunboats, in its advance and attack upon Yorktown, and the adjacent lines and works.

Resolved, that these resolutions be communicated by the governor to Major General MAGRUDER, and by him, as far as practicable, to the officers and men of the said army of the peninsula.

Ordered, that Mr. JONES carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS,

Resolved, that the clerk be directed to have published the secret journal of the present session.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, the preamble and resolutions heretofore submitted by him, in reference to the case of Judge E. P. Pitts, were taken up and concurred in.

Ordered, that Mr. GREEN carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Mr. BARBOUR submitted the following resolution, which was laid on the table :

Resolved by the general assembly, that a joint committee, consisting of three members of the house of delegates and two of the senate, be appointed, who shall be charged with the duty of revising the revenue laws of this commonwealth, so as to make them more productive, and that they report such a bill or bills thereon as they may consider expedient. Said committee may sit during the recess of the general assembly.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. DICKINSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed the following resolution, in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates :

Resolved by the general assembly, that the secretary of the commonwealth cause to be printed five hundred copies of the act passed the 3d day of October 1862, entitled an act further to provide for the public defence, and to distribute the same to the clerks of such county and corporation courts as he may deem proper.

On motion of Mr. NEWTON,

Resolved, that the thanks of this house be tendered to the SPEAKER, for the frank, able, impartial and courteous manner in which he has discharged the duties of the chair during the present session.

On motion of Mr. MURDAUGH,

Resolved, that the thanks of this house be tendered to William F. Gordon, jr., the clerk of this house, for his promptness and faithfulness in the discharge of his duties ; and for his uniform kindness and politeness.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY,

Resolved, that the thanks of the house be tendered to H. L. Burruss, sergeant at arms, Robert W. Burke and George W. Wilson, jr., doorkeepers of the house, for the prompt and efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective offices.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY,

Resolved, that the thanks of the house be tendered to the pages for their courteous and obliging deportment during the present session.

On motion of Mr. WOODHOUSE,

Resolved, that the thanks of the house are due to the reverend clergy of the city, for their kind and efficient ministrations during the present session.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. BRANNON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a bill entitled an act concerning officers of the state who have taken an oath to support an usurped government within the limits of the state: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The bill was read a first and second times, and on motion of Mr. JONES, laid on the table.

Mr. GRATTAN presented the following letter from the secretary of war, in response to a resolution of the house of delegates; which was read, and on motion, laid on the table:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
War Department,
Richmond, Va., Oct. 4, 1862.

SIR:

In reply to your letter, enclosing a resolution of the house of delegates, I have the honor to say, that the department had not heard of the detention of the prisoners referred to by you, and will immediately demand their release.

Hearing some time ago from Gov. Letcher, of the reported intention of the enemy to treat Captains Sprigg and Triplett as felons, the department caused two hostages to be set aside from the commissioned officers of the enemy, and informed General McClellan, through General Lee, that they would be treated in all respects as the United States government treated Captains Sprigg and Triplett. General McClellan referred the letter to his government, and afterwards informed General Lee that Captains Sprigg and Triplett would be treated as prisoners of war.

Your obedient serv't,

GEO. W. RANDOLPH,
Secretary of War.

CHAS. GRATTAN, ESQ., *Chairman, &c.*
House of Delegates of Va.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. NEWMAN, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a resolution authorizing justices of the peace to issue marriage licenses in certain cases: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The resolution was concurred in.

Ordered, that Mr. McCAMANT inform the senate thereof.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. PENNYBACKER, who informed the house of delegates that the committee on enrolled bills in the senate had examined sundry such bills, and finding them correctly enrolled, they had been signed by the president of the senate, and were respectfully reported for further examination.

The SPEAKER proceeded to sign the following enrolled bills:

An act legalizing the manufacture of alcohol.

An act to incorporate the Union manufacturing company in the county of Fluvanna.

An act to amend and re-enact section 33d of chapter 1st of the Acts of 1861-2, concerning a license to distill ardent spirits from fruit, &c.

An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to prevent the unnecessary consumption of grain by distillers and other manufacturers of spirituous and malt liquors.

An act amending the 17th section of chapter 36 of the Code of Virginia, concerning the manner of making returns of delinquents.

An act repealing an act for the relief of Ephraim Bee.

An act to increase jailors' fees for keeping and supporting prisoners.

An act to provide for the production, distribution and sale of salt in this commonwealth.

An act amending and re-enacting an act amending and re-enacting the 2d section of chapter 22 of the Code of Virginia, respecting persons exempt from all military duties, and providing the mode of exemption, passed Feb. 18th, 1862.

An act to redress loyal citizens injured by the exercise of usurped powers.

An act incorporating the Pleasant grove lead and zinc mining and manufacturing company.

An act to authorize the governor to settle the account of Sampson Jones, agent of Mrs. Jane A. Griffin.

An act extending the time for the qualification of the sheriffs of Orange and Culpeper counties.

An act to amend the charter of the town of Danville.

An act amending an act prescribing the oath to be taken by any person who applies for a license.

An act to repeal the fence law of Virginia as to certain counties, and to authorize the county courts to dispense with enclosures in other counties.

An act to further provide for the public defence.

An act to amend and re-enact section 1 of chapter 80 of the Acts of 1861-2, passed March 27, 1862.

An act for the dismissal of militia officers for treason or disloyalty.

An act to protect and indemnify citizens of Virginia.

An act for the relief of Judge George W. Thompson.

An act to legalize the records and proceedings of the county court of Essex county, at the June, July and August terms of said court held at Miller's tavern in said county.

An act to provide for the qualification of sheriffs and other public officers prevented from qualifying within the period now prescribed by law, by reason of the public enemy.

Messages were interchanged between the two houses as to their readiness to adjourn; and then,

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the house adjourned until the first Wednesday in January next.

ADDENDA.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1862—SECRET SESSION.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the house resolved itself into secret session.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. THOMPSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to a joint resolution authorizing the governor to seize salt: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The resolution was taken up for consideration, and is as follows:

Resolved by the general assembly, that the governor of the commonwealth be and he is hereby directed to cause to be seized, without delay, for further distribution, all the salt now in the hands of persons or companies in the cities of Richmond, Petersburg, Lynchburg and elsewhere in this state, and to hold the same, subject to the future order of the legislature; and that just compensation shall be made by the commonwealth to the owners of such salt as shall be seized and appropriated under this resolution, or any future resolution or act of the general assembly. But no authority is conferred to seize salt held by, or in transitu for counties, cities and towns, or held by heads of families for their own consumption, and by persons for their employees, nor salt held by agents for other states or the Confederate States.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, Mr. MALLORY demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 36, noes 48.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Barbour, Blue, Carpenter, Coffman, Coleman, J. D. Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Flood, J. H. Hopkins, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Magruder, Mallory, Mathews, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Pitman, Richardson, Robinson, Rowan, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Walker and West—36.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bass, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Dabney, R. J. Davis, Evans, Fleming, Franklin, Garrison, George, Gilmer, Grattan, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, Laidley, Minor, Montague, Murdaugh, Newton, Orgain, Reid, Robertson, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Spady, Tate, Thrash, Tredway, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson, Woodhouse, Wootten, Worsham and Wright—48.

Mr. WILSON moved an adjournment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 46, noes 38.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Bass, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Dabney, J. D. Davis, R. J. Davis, Evans, Fleming,

Garrison, George, Gilmer, Grattan, H. L. Hopkins, James, Jones, Jordan, Laidley, Minor, Montague, Murdaugh, Newton, Reid, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Spady, Tate, Tredway, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson and Woodhouse—46.

NOES—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Blue, Carpenter, Cecil, Coffman, Coleman, Dice, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Flood, Franklin, J. H. Hopkins, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Magruder, Mallory, Mathews, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Orgain, Pitman, Richardson, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Walker, West, Wootten, Worsham and Wright—38.

So the house adjourned until Monday, 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1862—SECRET SESSION.

The house resolved itself into secret session.

A resolution from the senate, authorizing the governor to seize salt, being the unfinished business of Saturday, was taken up. Pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. EVANS, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1862—SECRET SESSION.

The house resolved itself into secret session.

The unfinished business of yesterday, being a resolution from the senate authorizing the governor to seize salt, was taken up. Pending the consideration of which, Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge, moved an adjournment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 29, noes 53.

On motion of Mr. WEST, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bass, Bigger, Bradford, Cazenove, Cecil, J. D. Davis, R. J. Davis, Fleming, Garrison, George, Gilmer, Laidley, A. W. McDonald, Minor, Montague, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Robertson, Robinson, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Tredway, Vaden, Ward, S. Wilson and Woolfolk—29.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Barbour, Blue, Buford, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Dice, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Flood, Franklin, Gatewood, Gillespie, Grattan, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, Isaac E. McDonald, Murdaugh, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, Rutherford, Shannon, Staples, Tate, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Vermillion, Walker, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Woodhouse, Wootten, Worsham and Wright—53.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, Mr. MALLORY demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, the roll was called, with the following result—Ayes 60, noes 35:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bigger, Blue, Carpenter, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Crockett, J. D. Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Flood, Franklin, Gatewood, George, Gillespie, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid,

Richardson, Riddick, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, S. Wilson, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wright—60.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Bass, Bradford, Buford, Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Dabney, R. J. Davis, Evans, Fleming, Garrison, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, Laidley, A. W. McDonald, Minor, Montague, Newton, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Spady, Tate, Vaden, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Woodhouse and Wooten—35.

The SPEAKER announced that the resolution not having received sixty-four votes, was rejected.

From the decision of the chair declaring the bill rejected, Mr. BARBOUR appealed; and the question being—Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the house? on motion of Mr. RUTHERFOORD, the appeal was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. GRATTAN, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1862—SECRET SESSION.

On motion of Mr. GRATTAN, the house resolved itself into secret session.

Mr. VADEN moved to suspend the rule with a view to reconsider the vote rejecting the joint resolution in relation to the seizure of salt; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 67, noes 33.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bigger, Blue, Buford, Carpenter, Clarke, Coffin, Coleman, Crockett, Custis, Dice, Edmunds, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Gatewood, George, Gillespie, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Magruder, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Richardson, Riddick, Rowan, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Vaden, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, S. Wilson, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Worsham, Wright and Wynne—67.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Bass, Bradford, Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Dabney, R. J. Davis, Eggleston, Garrison, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, Laidley, A. W. McDonald, Minor, Montague, Newton, Reid, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Spady, Tate, Williams, J. L. Wilson and Wooten—33.

The doors being opened,

On motion of Mr. EGGLESTON, the house adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1862—SECRET SESSION.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, the house resolved itself into secret session.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON,

Resolved, that a joint committee, to consist of five members on the part of the house and three on the part of the senate, be appointed, to enquire whether any, and what further measures are ne-

cessary for the public defence, and be authorized to confer with the confederate authorities in reference thereto.

Ordered, that Mr. ROBERTSON carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee on the part of the house: Messrs. Robertson, Bouldin, Edmunds, Newton and Barbour.

On motion of Mr. BASS, the injunction of secrecy was removed from the proceedings of the house in relation to the salt question.

The doors being opened,

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight, the house adjourned.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1862—SECRET SESSION.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, the house resolved itself into secret session.

Mr. ROBERTSON, from a special committee, presented the following bill:

No. 31. A bill to further provide for the public defence; which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. ROBERTSON moved that the bill be read a second time this day; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and two-thirds concurring, decided in the affirmative.

Mr. AMBERS moved to amend the bill, by exempting from the call therein provided for, slaves engaged in mining coal, iron, salt, copper or lead.

Mr. McCAMANT moved to amend the amendment, by striking out "copper;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WILSON moved to amend the amendment as amended, by inserting "under any contract with the state or confederate government;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the amendment as amended, Mr. GRATTAN demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative.

Mr. PRINCE moved to amend the bill, by inserting in the 1st section the following: "Provided, that any county, city or town can furnish the five per cent. of negro labor, in male free negroes between the ages of 18 and 45 years; and the number of free negroes between the ages aforesaid, furnished by any county, city or town, shall form a part of the quota demanded;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. LYNN demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative.

Mr. RIVES moved to amend the bill in the 1st section, by inserting: "provided, that such counties as have already furnished slave labor

to the government, at two different times or more, shall not be called upon until other counties in the state have been called upon to contribute equally for the same purpose;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. GRATTAN demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative.

Mr. MAGRUDER moved to amend the bill in the 1st section, by striking out "sixteen dollars," the monthly compensation allowed by the bill for slaves, and inserting "twenty dollars;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. WILSON demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 29, noes 47.

On motion of Mr. BUFORD, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Bass, Booton, Buford, Coleman, J. D. Davis, Dice, George, Gillespie, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Lundy, Lynn, Magruder, Minor, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Prince, Rowan, Rutherford, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, J. L. Wilson, Woolfolk, Wooten and Worsham—29.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Barbour, Bigger, Blue, Bouldin, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffinan, Dabney, R. J. Davis, Dunn, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Gatewood, Gilmer, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Newton, Pitman, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, Thrash, Walker, Williams and Wright—47.

Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight moved to amend the bill in the 1st section, by inserting "that the governor shall, when requested by the president of the Confederate States;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. MALLORY demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 37, noes 36.

On motion of Mr. JONES, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, Bass, Booton, Buford, Cazenove, Coffinan, Coleman, J. D. Davis, R. J. Davis, Dice, Dunn, Franklin, George, Gillespie, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, Kyle, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, McCamant, Minor, Montague, W. G. T. Nelson, Prince, Riddick, Rives, Staples, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, J. L. Wilson, Woolfolk, Wooten, Worsham and Wright—37.

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The bill was then further amended, on motion of Mr. WILSON.

Mr. PRINCE moved to lay the bill on the table, and that it be printed; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. RUTHERFORD demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative.

Mr. PRINCE moved to amend the bill in the third section, by inserting "and three freeholders shall, after being duly sworn to value the slaves before the said slaves leave the county, city or town; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight submitted the following amendment in lieu of sections 10 and 11:

"This act shall be in force from and after the time the president of the Confederate States shall be authorized by congress to receive

the slaves hereby provided to be furnished, upon the terms and on the conditions herein set forth."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg moved to amend the bill, by adding at the end of the third section the following; which was agreed to:

"Provided, that in no case of a soldier in the confederate army owning or hiring but one male slave, shall the said male slave be subject to requisition under this act."

The bill was then further amended, and as amended read a second time; and the question being—Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time? Mr. RUTHERFOORD demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. COLLIER, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the general assembly, that the governor be and he is hereby authorized and required, upon the requisition of the president of the Confederate States, to impress immediately the requisite number of slaves and free negroes, as convenient to Richmond as may be, to do the work deemed necessary or expedient to be done on the fortifications for the defence of Richmond. Said persons not to be continued in service, under this resolution, for a longer period than thirty days; and also to make a levy en masse of the arms-bearing population within thirty miles of Richmond, under 45 years old, and to muster all such as are not exempted by special law, into the confederate service for sixty days, if not sooner disbanded. Persons so employed will be entitled to the pay and rations of soldiers of the army of the Confederate States; and the Confederate States shall pay to the owners the value of slaves who may escape to the enemy, and for slaves who shall be killed or taken by the enemy, or who may die or be injured from negligence of the agents of the confederate government.

The resolution was taken up. Pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. MALLORY, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1862—SECRET SESSION.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, the house resolved itself into secret session.

No. 31. An engrossed bill further to provide for the public defence, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. ROBERTSON carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr.

DICKINSON, the senator from Prince Edward, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed the bill with amendments: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The amendments were agreed to, except the one raising the monthly hire of slaves from \$16 to \$20 per month.

Ordered, that Mr. ROBERTSON inform the senate thereof.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. DICKINSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had receded from their amendment.

On motion of Mr. GRATTAN, the resolution heretofore communicated from the senate, was laid on the table.

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MESSAGE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

SEPTEMBER 15, 1862.

*Gentlemen of the Senate
and House of Delegates:*

I have felt it to be an imperative duty to convene you in extraordinary session, to consider a question of vital importance to our common constituents. The subject commends itself in the strongest terms to our judgments and sympathies, and demands prompt action.

The people of a large portion of our state are suffering greatly from the inadequacy of the present supply of salt, and the most serious and well-grounded apprehensions are felt as to the prospective supply. An article indispensable to the health and comfort of man and beast, and absolutely necessary to aid in the development of many branches of agricultural and mechanical industry, must be provided, if it be within the range of possibility.

In consequence of numerous letters, received from gentlemen in different portions of the state, calling my attention to the subject, and earnestly invoking action; and deeply impressed with the fact that the limited supply in the market was commanding such exorbitant prices as placed the article beyond the means of a large class of the people, and especially the private soldiers of our army who had left families at home, I determined to visit the salt works in Washington and Smyth counties, inform myself, as far as it was possible to do so, by observation and enquiry, and then adopt such course as the law authorized and the necessities of the people demanded, for their relief. If the wants and demands of our people cannot be fully met, it behooves us to do all that can be done towards the accomplishment of this desirable result.

If an appropriation had been deemed advisable, at the last session,

for the purchase of the property, or for the erection of the necessary works for the manufacture of salt, much could have been accomplished by this time for the general relief. Even now, by prompt and energetic action, works may be erected, and a sufficiency for ordinary family purposes, and for the preservation of the fall supplies of meats, may be secured.

In the revolution our illustrious ancestors experienced the difficulties which now surround us in regard to this article, which enters so largely into the consumption of the country. They however adopted such measures as secured a supply; and they continued to prosecute the war with such zeal and energy as brought it to a happy and glorious termination. The legislation of that day will furnish a useful lesson for study now, and I commend it to your consideration.

Another occasion has arisen in our history, when legislation is necessary to meet the emergency. It becomes us to follow the example of the legislators of that day—men remarkable alike for practical wisdom, devotion to the country and its institutions, and who exhibited a special regard for the wants of the people under circumstances not unlike those now existing.

In the year 1776 the convention of Virginia passed “an ordinance for erecting salt works in the colony, and for encouraging the making of salt.” This ordinance provided for its manufacture in several of the eastern counties, by the process of solar evaporation, and by boiling from sea water. The erection of the necessary works and their operation, was to be at the expense of the state; and managers were designated in the ordinance to take charge of the establishments, and conduct the business, under certain regulations specifically defined. It directed the manner of disposing of the salt, and regulated the price at which it should be sold. It also prescribed the mode by which lands should be acquired.

In the year 1777 the legislature passed an act on the same subject, very similar in its provisions to those of the ordinance referred to. To this ordinance and this act I invite your attention. Much will be found in both that cannot fail to aid you in the consideration and wise disposition of this subject.

At that early day little was known of that portion of the state lying west of the Alleghany, and nothing known of the existence of

salt water there. This indispensable article, together with vast resources of mineral and other wealth, have subsequently been developed in that section of the state. This explains why the legislation on this important subject was confined to the eastern counties.

The states of Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee have commenced the manufacture of salt at the works in Washington and Smyth counties. The state of Alabama is making the necessary preparations to commence the manufacture, and in the course of a month will be making about five hundred bushels per day. Each of the other states is making about this quantity daily, and in the course of a short time, will increase the quantity considerably.

On my visit to the salt works, the proprietors, Stuart, Buchanan & Co., made, at my instance, a proposition, which is herewith transmitted, and which will be found published with the accompanying documents. This proposition does not meet my approval. We are required to pay more for the water than is paid by the state of Georgia, and to pay the same price that is paid by the other states: while if any difference is made, it surely should be in favor of the state in which the works are located.

The penitentiary.

I appointed Thomas S. Haymond, Andrew Johnston and Charles Campbell, Esquires, to make the investigation into the affairs of the penitentiary, directed by your resolution adopted May 15th, 1862, and gave them written instructions. The report of these intelligent gentlemen, herewith presented, is characterized by much ability, and demonstrates that they have investigated, laboriously and faithfully, the entire subject, in accordance with the instructions issued to them. I commend the report to your attention, confident that you will find in it many suggestions and recommendations that will command your cordial approval, and that you will, at an early day in the session, adopt such legislation as will give to them the force of law.

This report leaves no room for doubt that the management of the institution and the business of the general agent have been inefficient and negligent. My own observation has satisfied me that there has been neither energy, industry or judgment exhibited in the management, and that unless something is speedily done to secure the services of men of industry, energy and business qualifications, the institution will become a very heavy burden upon the treasury. I

have seen no reason to change the opinion heretofore expressed in my messages, that with prudent, judicious and energetic management, the institution can be made self-supporting. But to accomplish this result, we must reform the management, by substituting a large number of the present incumbents with persons better qualified for the positions.

It affords me pleasure to except from the condemnation pronounced, Mr. John Knote, the present general agent and store-keeper. From all the information I have been able to procure, he has devoted himself faithfully to the performance of the duties of his office, and has settled his accounts with the board of directors with the greatest promptitude.

In this connection I feel it to be a duty to invite your attention to the free negro and slave convicts who are accumulating most rapidly, and who must be disposed of, at some future day, otherwise than in the mode now prescribed by existing laws. The people in the neighborhood in which a considerable number of these convicts have been hired, are greatly dissatisfied, and have complained, through public meetings, threatening to resort to mob law, unless they shall be withdrawn. As the numbers of these convicts increase, and as the demand for this species of labor diminishes, we may reasonably calculate that the complaints will increase also. I suggest, therefore, that it would be advisable for you to direct your attention to this subject, and devise some means for disposing of them by sale or otherwise, and thus relieve the state from further connection with them.

The war.

The success which has attended our arms has been of the most gratifying character, and has demonstrated the superior qualifications of our commanding generals, and the indomitable energy, courage and self-sacrificing devotion of our soldiers. Greater gallantry has never been exhibited—a more generous, noble and patriotic spirit never animated an army, in ancient or modern times. Each has vied with the other in the performance of every duty; and all have exhibited an ardor and earnestness for the cause and the country, worthy of men struggling for independence. Their glorious deeds have enshrined them in the hearts of all our people; and from thousands of family altars and places of religious worship, prayers ascend

to heaven for their preservation and protection, and for the deliverance of our country from the horrors of this wicked war, brought upon it by those who are ready to sacrifice all the nobler feelings of our nature to passion, to prejudice, and to avarice.

Subsequent reflection has tended to confirm and strengthen the opinions heretofore expressed in my previous messages, of the imperative necessity of making this an aggressive war. Our own protection demands it—the quiet of Virginia, whose bosom is scarred all over, and whose people have been harassed, persecuted and plundered, demands it. Duty, patriotism, a speedy termination of this war—all appeal, trumpet-tongued, for an aggressive movement. Happily, we have every reason to believe this policy has at length been inaugurated. It must be firmly pursued. Plant the confederate standard upon the soil of Maryland; and resolute hearts and gallant spirits, animated by generous impulses, and fired with an earnest desire to protect the rights and maintain the laws and institutions, common alike to them and us, will rally around it by thousands, and will raise their oppressed land from the dust. The fire of patriotism is not extinct in Maryland—it has only been smothered. Let the opportunity be presented, and it will burst forth into a flame that will illuminate the land, and give joy and gladness to hearts that have been crushed by a tyrant's power, indiscriminately used, to subdue men, women and children.

Let aggression, then, be the watchword, and let us push the advantage we have gained, until the north shall be made to feel that war has its horrors, and that they have been made to bear their share of them.

Every government, like every human being, carries within itself the seeds of its own dissolution. The old Union has lived out its days, has fulfilled the measure of its glory, its influence and its power. Its dissolution is a fact accomplished and understood. In every aspect in which the question can be viewed, educationally, religiously, socially, morally and politically, we are separated from the north—finally and forever separated. It is impossible for human agency to reconstruct the natural body after dissolution; and it is equally impossible for human agency now to reconstruct the Union, in its present dissolved and decomposed condition. Affection, fraternity, kind feeling—every element of adhesion is hopelessly gone.

The tendrils of hate encircle the heart, and enmity and malevolence have crushed all the nobler feelings of attachment and brotherhood. Reunion, therefore, upon any terms, is simply an impossibility, and the idea is not to be entertained even for a moment.

State force under Gen. Floyd.

Shortly after your adjournment, I commissioned John B. Floyd a major general, in pursuance of your act, passed May 15th, 1862, and gave authority to numerous persons to raise companies, battalions and regiments for service in the state forces authorized to be raised by said act—all of which were authorized to be raised from the non-conscripts between the ages of thirty-five and under forty-five, and those under the age of eighteen years.

Finding that the non-conscripts were not disposed to volunteer as promptly as I had expected for this service, and ascertaining that the northern government had called for an additional force of six hundred thousand men, and seeing that a large part of the state was overrun by the invader, I called upon the militia of thirty-nine counties to report to General Floyd immediately for service, in the state force; and I have no doubt they would have responded promptly to the call, but for the unwarranted and improper interference of a confederate officer and some other persons, who have used various expedients to produce dissatisfaction with this order. Very shortly after the call for the militia was issued, and while the enrollment was in progress, Major General Loring issued orders to stop the enrollment in Monroe, Giles, and perhaps other counties. A letter addressed by General Loring to the war department, dated August 13th, 1862, in which he admits this interference, will be found with the accompanying documents. As a confederate officer, he had nothing to do with the non-conscripts. They were not under his control, nor subject to his orders. They were under the orders of the state, and subject to the orders of the executive, under the laws of the state. His interference has been essentially mischievous and improper, and has had the effect of demoralizing the militia, and defeating, so far as they were concerned, the objects which the state designed to effect.

Applications for detail of persons employed in procuring nitre, whenever they have been presented in the mode directed by law, have been granted. I know of no instance in which such an appli-

cation has been denied. No application has been made for details for General Loring's commissary or quartermaster's departments.

I directed the several ranger companies to report forthwith to General Floyd. Many complaints had been made with regard to the rangers, most of which I regarded as unfounded; but, under the circumstances, I deemed it best to place them under control of a competent officer, who would direct their operations.

My latest information from General Floyd's command assures me that he has a considerable force in the field, and that he expected to move last week towards the Kanawha valley; and I have no doubt he has done so. He was in fine spirits when I parted from him, and manifested a bold and noble confidence, that promised the best results. A copy of my order, issued at Wytheville, and a proclamation subsequently issued, accompanies this communication.

This state force will be an honor to the commonwealth, if cherished and supported as it should be.

In this connection, I renew a recommendation, heretofore made, that a law be passed authorizing me to strike from the rolls the names of such militia officers as refuse to obey promptly the orders of the executive. The reasons in each case will be most cheerfully assigned, where I am called upon to take such action. This recommendation would not be renewed, if in my judgment the necessities of the case did not imperatively demand it.

Amnesty to those who have taken the oath of fidelity to the Lincoln government.

From information received from various sources, I am induced to believe that many loyal and worthy citizens, in those portions of the state which have been overrun by the enemy, have taken oaths binding them to abstain from all active participation in the war. In all such cases, where the parties are willing to manifest their fealty to the commonwealth, and to show their faith by their works, I recommend that an amnesty be granted, upon such terms and conditions as your wisdom may prescribe.

Northwestern Virginia.

All the indications are favorable to the recovery of the possession of the portion of the state lying west of the Alleghany mountains.

Indeed, I entertain no doubt that the usurped government, under Pierpoint, will soon be overthrown, and the people will cheerfully return to their allegiance to the rightful government of this commonwealth. Our recent information is full of hope and encouragement; and the immense numbers who are now coming out, and joining the army, show, that although the spirit of patriotism has slumbered long, it has at last been fully aroused, and is manifesting itself in the most effective manner.

The Baltimore and Ohio rail road has been a positive nuisance to this state, from the opening of this war to the present time; and unless its management shall hereafter be in friendly hands, and the government under which it exists be a part of our Confederacy, it must be abated. If it should be permanently destroyed, we must assure our own people of some other mode of communication with the seaboard.

“An act to incorporate the Preston and Augusta rail road company,” was passed March 30th, 1861, by the general assembly; and if this road were constructed, it would furnish an adequate channel of communication for the present, and would have the effect of clasping the northwestern people more closely to the bosoms of the people of the other three divisions of Virginia. If the state of Maryland shall assume its position as an integral part of the Confederate States, the two roads may exist together, under proper regulations; but if its lot shall be cast with the north, and its people become aliens to us, in principle and interest, and hostile in institutions, then so much of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road, as lies within the state east of the initial point designated in the act referred to, should be destroyed. I recommend, therefore, that such legislative assurance in regard to the construction of this road, as your wisdom may dictate, shall be extended to our northwestern fellow-citizens.

Compensation of clerks.

The proceedings of a meeting of the clerks of the various departments of the state government, accompanied by a draft of a bill, have been presented to me, with a request that I would lay them before you for consideration, and such action as you may think proper. The expenses of living have increased enormously in the last eighteen months, and a salary that would have furnished an adequate support previous to that time, will fall very far short at this day.

These salaries ought, in my opinion, to be increased. No government, within my observation, ever had in its service more competent, efficient and faithful officers. The cheerful manner in the performance of their duties, the uniform politeness and attention shown to all in their business intercourse, has commanded for them, as a body, the most cordial respect. I commend this subject to your favorable action.

Fees of jailors.

Complaints have been made to me, by the keepers of the jails in several cities and counties, of the inadequacy of the fees allowed by existing laws for the support of prisoners. The fees were fixed years ago, when flour, meal, bacon, beef and vegetables, sold at greatly less prices than they are now selling for. All these articles now command from four to five times as much as they sold for two years ago; and it is hardly reasonable, under existing circumstances, to expect prisoners to be supported at the present rates of fees. I recommend therefore, that an act be passed for the relief of this class of officers.

Pay of the soldiers.

On the 1st day of January 1862 a resolution was adopted by you in relation to the pay of non-commissioned officers and privates in the confederate army. That resolution instructed our senators and requested our representatives in the confederate congress to use their influence to procure the passage of a law to increase their pay four dollars per month during the existing war. A large number of these classes are heads of families, and a majority of them perhaps are poor men, dependent upon their daily labor for support. They have cheerfully left their homes and families, to engage in the service of the country. Since they entered the service prices have run up to a fabulous amount for every article that enters into domestic use; and there are many indispensably necessary, which a month's pay will not supply. It should be our policy to have a care for those who are fighting this battle for southern independence, and whose noble deeds are furnishing the material for a history, that will challenge the admiration of mankind, and will be recurred to, by us and our descendants, with feelings of national and individual pride. Under these circumstances, it becomes us to omit no proper effort to secure for them such an increase of pay as will remunerate them for

their services and sacrifices in this holy cause. I respectfully recommend some further action, to bring this subject prominently before congress at the present session, and to secure, if possible, the passage of a bill that will effect the desired result.

Eastern lunatic asylum.

The city of Williamsburg having fallen into the possession of the enemy, and being still in their possession, the federal authorities dismissed the state officers and agents, and substituted them by their own appointees. I have very recently understood that the state officers and agents have been invited by the military governor of Williamsburg to return and resume their places, and that some (perhaps all) have done so; but of this I have no official information. Since the institution fell into the hands of the enemy, I have been informed that Doctor Galt (the superintendent) and the assistant physician have both departed this life. Nearly all the members of the board of directors are refugees, and have been for months.

Extortion.

This is one of the serious and alarming evils of the times. A reckless spirit for money making appears to have taken entire possession of the public mind. "The ledger is the Bible, and gold is the God," at this day, of large numbers in every community. Avarice has become the ruling passion, and with heartless gripe, regardless of the suffering it inflicts, it insists upon its cruel and unconscionable exactions. Patriotism is second to a love of "the almighty dollar." The price of every thing (even the necessities of life) is put up to the highest point, and those who have not the pecuniary ability to pay these prices, must suffer. A fair price should be paid for every thing, but sellers should not be permitted to take advantage of the necessities of the consumers, to impose upon them.

What must be the feelings of a man who is fighting the battles of the country, surrendering all the comforts and endearments of home, submitting to all the sufferings and sacrifices of camp life and active military duty, when he (receiving but eleven dollars per month) is informed that a sack of salt costs fifty dollars, or a pair of ladies' shoes costs sixteen, with every thing else in proportion? He must feel that while he is defending the country, his family, unless he be a man of means, must suffer for the necessities and comforts of

life. With what heart can he fight our battles under such circumstances?

There is but one remedy for this evil. It is to increase the quantities of the articles upon which the extortion operates. The general law of trade, that the supply must equal the demand, is the only law by which trade can be regulated. When the supply equals the demand, the price will be commensurate with the value of the article. When the supply is deficient, the price will be immediately enhanced. It becomes necessary, then, to turn attention to the means requisite for increasing supplies. This can be accomplished, first, by prohibiting the agents of the government who have control of the lines of transportation, from receiving remuneration for giving preferences in transporting articles, by which the extortioners who pay the largest douceurs, are those only who are accommodated; and secondly, by obtaining an order from the government authorizing the transportation of produce to the exclusion of other things, at least one day in each week. If this were done, the equilibrium so necessary in trade, would restore prices to their natural standard.

Whatever can be done by the legislature for the relief of the people from the evils visited upon them by the extortioners, I feel persuaded will be done. The evil has become serious and alarming, and is increasing daily. I hope the legislature will direct their attention to this matter, and see whether their combined wisdom cannot devise some measures that will give relief to a suffering people.

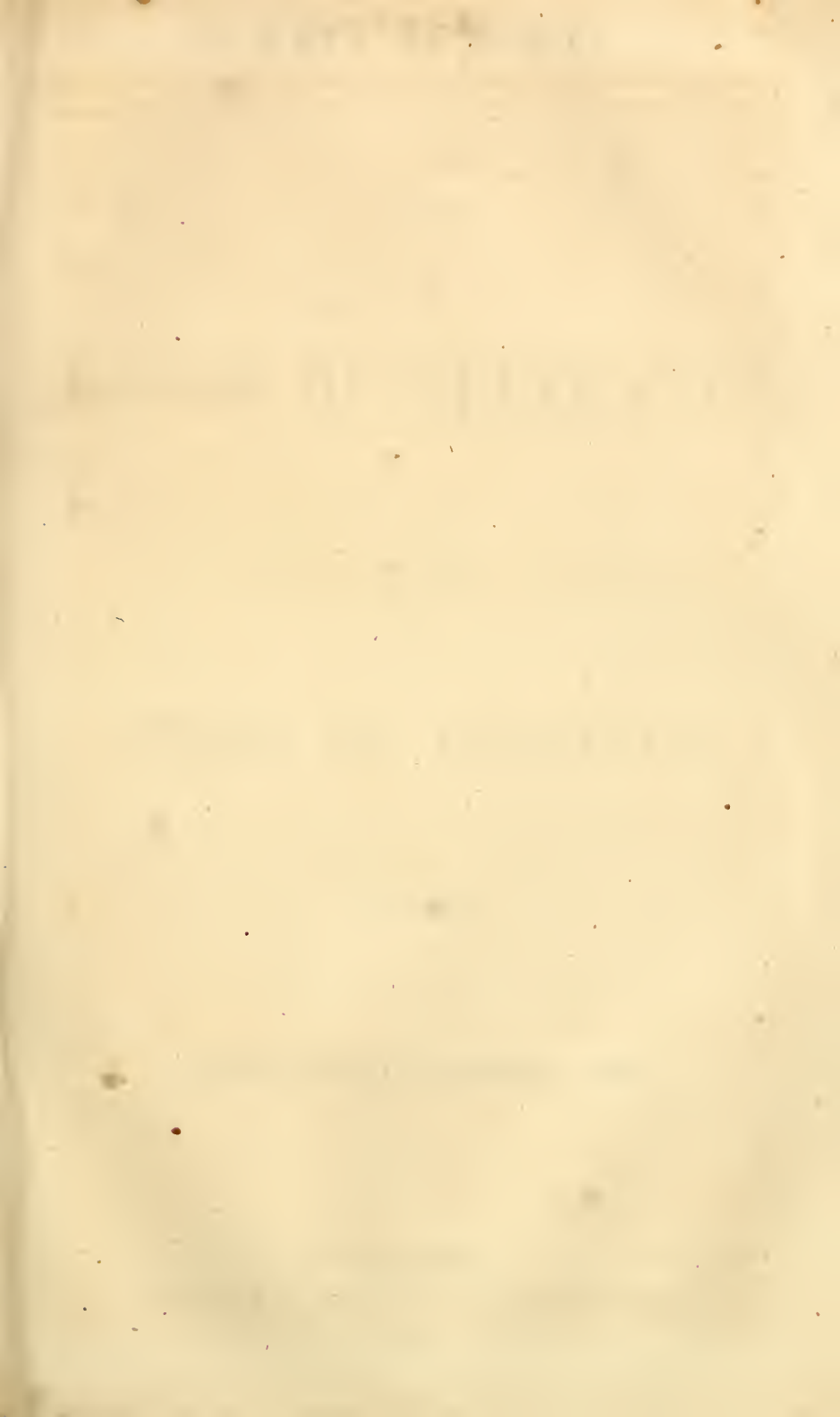
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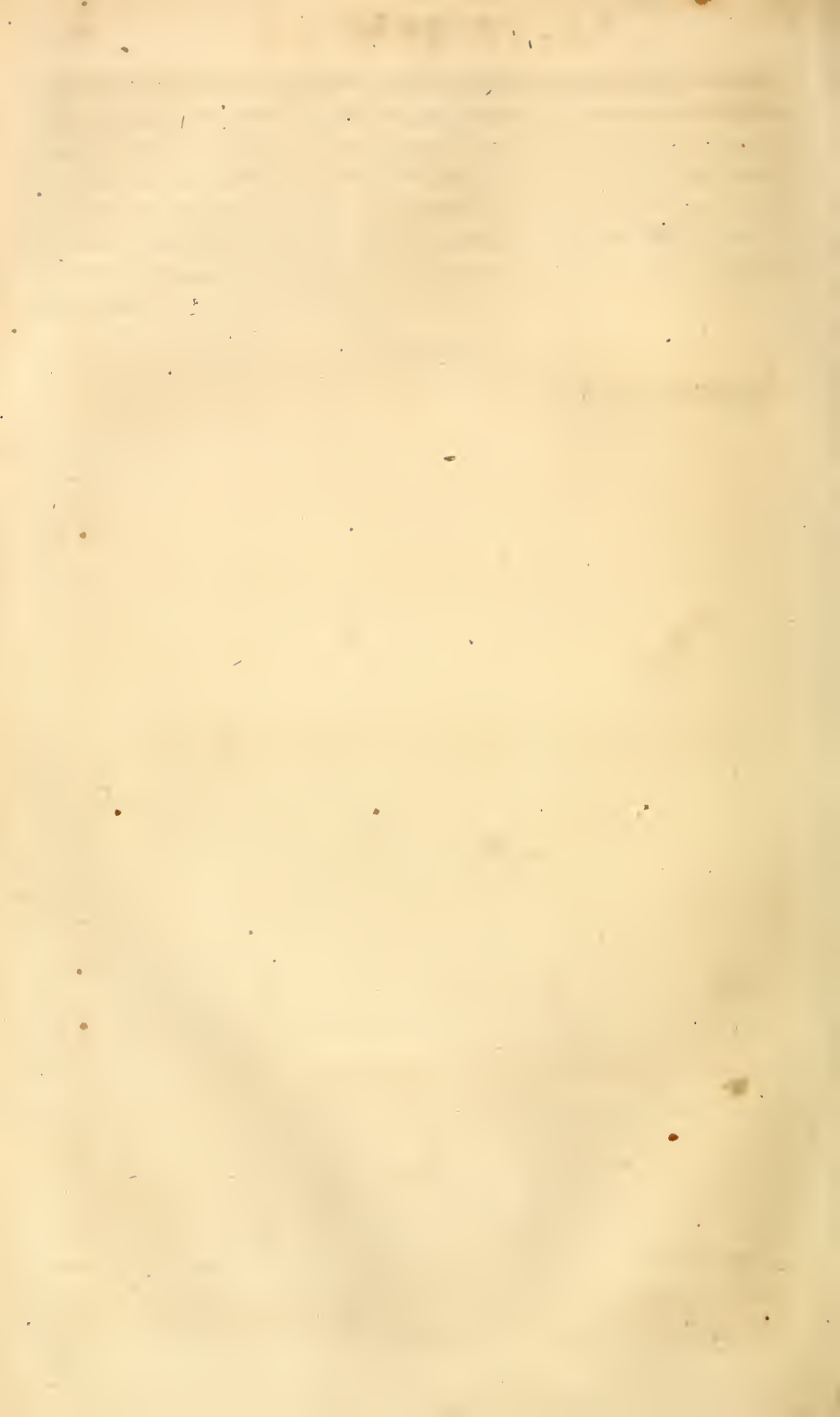
You reassemble under circumstances very different from those which attended your adjournment. At that day the prospect looked gloomy—the capital was threatened, and many feared it must fall. Now, how bright and glorious the prospect! The insolent enemy, who threatened the capital, has been vanquished in every battle on the Chickahominy, and his forces driven back to the precise location from which they started fifteen months ago. Victory has perched upon our banners in every battle field, and the whole land resounds with the praises of our officers and men, who, through the agency of Divine Providence, have worked out these glorious results. We

must not, however, forget the honored dead, who have fallen in these hotly contested battles. Their courage, their patriotism, their heroic deeds will be embalmed in the hearts of every true and loyal son and daughter of the south: and when this war shall end, and we shall enjoy the blessings of peace, we will gather together the dust of the honored dead, and raise to their memories a splendid mausoleum, which will transmit to the latest posterity a record of their virtues and deeds.

Respectfully,

JOHN LETCHER.





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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1863.

A quorum appearing, the clerk announced that JAMES L. KEMPER, late the speaker of the house, having resigned his office as delegate from the county of Madison, the office of speaker of the house of delegates was vacant; and that the first business in order was the election of a speaker to supply the vacancy.

Mr. NEWTON nominated *Hugh W. Sheffey* of Augusta.

No other nomination having been made, the roll was called, with the following result:

For Hugh W. Sheffey—Messrs. Ambers, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Cazenove, Crockett, Dantel, Davis, Dunn, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Jones, Kaufman, Laidley, Lively, Lundy, Lynn, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tredway, Walker, Ward, West, J. L. Wilson, S. Wilson, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wynne—66.

Mr. *Sheffey* having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected speaker of the house of delegates; and being conducted to the chair by Messrs. NEWTON, and HOPKINS of Petersburg, returned his acknowledgments to the house.

JOHN L. MARYE, jr., a delegate elected from the county of Spotsylvania, to supply the vacancy created by the resignation of DOUGLAS H. GORDON, and PAULUS POWELL, a delegate elected from the county of Amherst, to supply the vacancy created by the resignation of J. DUDLEY DAVIS, appeared, were qualified, and took their seats.

The SPEAKER laid before the house the following letter from James W. Montague, second doorkeeper.

CHRISTIANSBURG, January 5, 1863.

To the Speaker of the House of Delegates:

I hereby tender my resignation as second doorkeeper, with my sincere thanks for the uniform acts of kindness from all the members of the house.

Respectfully,

JAMES W. MONTAGUE.

On motion of Mr. JAMES,

Resolved, that the house proceed forthwith to the election of a second doorkeeper.

Whereupon, Mr. JAMES nominated *George W. Wilson, jr.*, of Boteourt, who was appointed by a unanimous vote.

On motion of Mr. McCAMANT,

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to wait upon the governor, and inform him that this house is now organized, and ready to receive any communication he may have to transmit.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution, viz: Messrs. McCamant, Magruder, and Hopkins of Rockingham.

Subsequently, Mr. McCAMANT, from the committee, reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and that the governor would communicate a message to the house immediately.

The governor's message was then received and read, and on motion of Mr. MALLORY, was laid on the table, and five hundred extra copies ordered to be printed.

[For message, see Doc. No. 1, appended to this volume.]

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Rockingham,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the propriety of so amending the 2d section of the act repealing the fence law of Virginia, passed the 2d day of October 1862, as to include the county of Rockingham in the said 2d section; and also to legalize the action of the county court of Rockingham, taken in pursuance of said act, as if the said county had been included in said act.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

Resolved, that the two houses of this general assembly do proceed, on Tuesday the 13th day of the present month, to elect a Confederate States senator, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Hon. William Ballard Preston.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg presented the petition of B. P. Todd and others, clerks of courts, praying an increase of compensation.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg presented the petition of J. H. Smith, commissioner of the revenue for the city of Petersburg, praying an increase of compensation for himself and other commissioners of the revenue.

Said petitions were ordered to be referred to the committee for courts of justice.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg,

Resolved, that leave be given to bring in a bill to incorporate the Southern female college of the city of Petersburg.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Hopkins of Petersburg, Reid and Laidley.

On motion Mr. GATEWOOD,

Resolved, that the committee on finance be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill for the relief of the sureties of John I. Grandstaff, sheriff of Shenandoah county.

On motion of Mr. REID,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of amending the stay law of this commonwealth, so as to enable creditors to collect debts due them, in the currency of the country.

On motion of Mr. TREDWAY,

Resolved, that the committee of propositions and grievances be instructed to bring in a bill to incorporate the Prospect tan yard company in Prince Edward.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY,

Resolved that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of increasing the pay of sheriffs, so as to allow them commission on the increased amount of taxes, from 40 to 60 per cent.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Rockingham,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of so amending the law as to allow the court of appeals to hold its court at some other place during the war.

On motion Mr. WEST,

Resolved, that a committee of seven members be appointed to enquire into the expediency of so limiting the cultivation of tobacco in this commonwealth, by taxation or otherwise, as not to allow any person in any one year to cultivate more than five thousand hills to the hand.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON,

Resolved, that the committee of roads and internal navigation enquire into the expediency of incorporating the Confederate express company.

On motion of Mr. McCAMANT, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Moore of the Presbyterian church.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a letter from Henry W. Thomas, Esquire, second auditor, enclosing a petition from certain officers of the government, asking for an increase of their salaries, and those of the clerks in their several departments; which, on motion, was referred to the committee on finance.

J. G. FULTON, a delegate elected from the county of Augusta, to supply a vacancy created by the resignation of WM. M. TATE, and WILLIAM O. FRY, a delegate elected from the county of Madison, to supply the vacancy created by the resignation of JAMES L. KEMPER, appeared, were qualified, and took their seats.

Mr. McDONALD of Hampshire submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that that portion of the governor's message recommending the taxing of extensive and extravagant profits, be referred to the committee on finance; and that they be directed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the act imposing taxes for the support of government, passed March 27, 1862, as to provide for the taxing of net incomes (from whatever source derived), whenever they shall exceed thousand dollars; and of so regulating the tax as that the same shall be increased in proportion as the increase shall exceed thousand dollars, with a view to prevent extortion, specu-

lation and the accumulation of mammoth fortunes in the hands of parties not in the military service of the state or of the Confederate States, and to distribute the burdens of the war; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. BOULDIN demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER,

Resolved, that the committee on finance be instructed to take into consideration the resolution adopted by the general assembly on the day of May last, declaring that the state should guarantee, in proper proportions, the confederate debt, and that they report, by bill or otherwise, such further legislation as may be deemed necessary for pledging the faith of this state for her fair proportion of the same.

On motion of Mr. EVANS,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law further facilities for transporting clothing and other supplies to the soldiers from their respective counties.

On motion of Mr. WOOLFOLK,

Resolved, that so much of the governor's message as relates to the penitentiary, be referred to the joint committee on the penitentiary; and that the said committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of having the able bodied convicts of the penitentiary put to work on fortifications around the city.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

Resolved, that the committee on the cultivation of tobacco be enlarged to thirteen members.

The SPEAKER announced the committee under the resolution as follows: Messrs. Bouldin, West, Burks, Buford, Mallory, Worsham, Powell, Nelson of Louisa, Taylor of Amelia, Flood, Staples, Lundy and Orgain.

On motion of Mr. JAMES,

Resolved, that the committee of roads and internal navigation enquire into the expediency of transferring to the counties in which it is located, the Southwestern turnpike road, extending from Buchanan in Botetourt county, to the Tennessee line.

On motion of Mr. STAPLES,

Resolved, that the governor of the commonwealth be requested to furnish this house information as to the number of troops in the Virginia state line; what proportion of the same were liable to the conscript law of the confederate government; and the probable cost of the same to the state, from the time of its organization to the 1st of January 1863.

On motion of Mr. CROCKETT,

Resolved, that the committee on banks enquire into the expediency of amending the 58th chapter of the Code of 1860, 1st section, so as to read "that no one shall be elected or appointed a director in any bank in the state, unless he owns at least five shares in the bank in which he is appointed or elected a director."

On motion of Mr. RUTHERFOORD,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of allowing some compensation to the clerk of the hustings court of Richmond city, for his services rendered in felony cases in said court.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of amending section 11, chapter 200, Code of 1860, so as to increase the punishment for the offences therein prescribed.

On motion of Mr. RIVES,

Resolved, that the committee of schools and colleges enquire into the expediency of paying to Peyton A. Tiney a sum of money for the tuition of indigent children.

Mr. DAVIS presented the petition of J. W. Murrell and others, for relief from assessment; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on finance.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of exempting from taxation, interest and dividends payable by persons resident in places occupied by the enemy, so that such interest or dividends cannot be collected.

On motion of Mr. BOULDIN,

Resolved, that so much of the governor's message as relates to the act of the recent session, entitled an act further to provide for the public defence, be referred to the committee for courts of justice, with instructions to report such amendments to the same as may be deemed necessary.

On motion of Mr. STAPLES,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill for enrolling and organizing into companies, regiments and brigades, all able bodied men of this commonwealth between the ages of 18 and 45, who are exempt from service in the confederate army by the employment of substitutes, or from any other cause. Said force to be subject at all times during the war to the call of the governor.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt,

Resolved, that so much of the governor's message as relates to military subjects, be referred to the committee on military affairs.

On motion of Mr. BUFORD,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of investing the county and corporation courts of the commonwealth with additional powers to procure the means of subsistence for the families of soldiers in the confederate service.

Mr. HARRISON submitted the following resolution; which being objected to, was laid over under the rule:

Resolved, that the congress of the Confederate States should have power, in their discretion, to make the notes issued by the Confederate States in time of war, in payment of the expenses thereof, a legal tender in payment of debts, and to that end, that the commit-

tee for courts of justice be instructed to report an amendment of the constitution of the Confederate States, for adoption by the general assembly of Virginia, and to be presented to the other states of the Confederacy.

Mr. MALLORY offered the following resolutions; which being objected to, were laid over under the rule:

1. Resolved, by the general assembly of Virginia, that the funding of the public debt will be one of the most effectual means to reduce the amount of our circulating medium, and to secure for our currency the confidence of the people; and that it is the duty as well as the interest of the citizens of the Confederacy to invest their surplus funds in the bonds of the confederate government.

2. Resolved, that the state of Virginia will agree to guarantee the debt of the confederate government, in proportion to its representation in the congress of the Confederate States: provided, that each of the other Confederate States shall accept this proposition; in which event, these resolutions shall be the guarantee of this state for her proportion of said debt.

3. Resolved, that our senators be instructed and our representatives in congress be requested to bring this subject to the attention of the approaching session of congress, and urge the adoption of such measures as will carry the object of these resolutions into effect.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, from a select committee, presented the following bill:

No. 37. A bill to incorporate the Southern female college of the city of Petersburg.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg submitted a substitute to house bill entitled a bill to suppress extortion; which, on his motion, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. WOOLFOLK, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Moore of the Presbyterian church.

The following senate bills were read a first and second times, and referred to the committee of privileges and elections:

No. 16. A senate bill entitled an act with regard to general and special elections of members of congress during the present war.

No. 14. A senate bill entitled an act to prescribe the mode of filling vacancies in the general assembly of Virginia in certain cases.

The following senate bill was read a first and second times, and referred to the committee of propositions and grievances:

No. 12. A senate bill entitled an act to enlarge the powers of the common council of the city of Richmond.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, enclosing a letter from the governor of Georgia, accompanied

by a bill and resolution adopted by the legislature of that state, in relation to restricting the cultivation of cotton; which were read, and on motion of Mr. BOULDIN, referred to the special committee on the subject of restricting the cultivation of tobacco.

Also enclosing a preamble and resolutions adopted by the general assembly of the state of Florida, in relation to the guarantee of the debt of the confederate government by the states; which were read, and on motion of Mr. MAGRUDER, referred to the committee on finance.

Also enclosing a resolution adopted by the general assembly of the state of Florida, in relation to the present war; which was read, and on motion of Mr. JONES, laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 10.

On motion of Mr. LYNN,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of releasing the citizens of Prince William county, for the years 1862 and 1863, from taxation: also to provide for the support of women and children whose husbands and sons are in the war, or have been slain in battle.

Mr. BRADFORD submitted the following resolution; which being objected to, was laid over under the rule:

Resolved by the general assembly of Virginia, that our representatives in congress be and they are hereby requested to procure the passage of a bill by the confederate congress, providing for the payment of slaves impressed into the service of the Confederate States, and not returned to their owners, by reason of having escaped to or been captured by the public enemy.

Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight submitted the following preamble and resolution; which being objected to, were laid over under the rule:

Whereas the general assembly did, on the 1st day of October 1862, pass an act to provide for the production, distribution and sale of such quantity of salt as would, in the judgment of the governor, be sufficient to supply the people of this commonwealth: and whereas the governor did, by virtue of the authority vested in him as aforesaid, on the 15th of November 1862, issue his proclamation proposing to distribute 150,000 bushels of salt, the amount he has contracted for under the authority vested in him as aforesaid, among certain counties, cities and towns of this commonwealth: and whereas, in the rules and regulations for the sale and distribution of salt, which he has adopted and published along with his said proclamation, there is and has been no provision made for the sale and distribution of salt to the people of the county of Isle of Wight: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the general assembly, that the governor of this commonwealth be instructed and required to provide for the people of Isle of Wight the just and equitable quota of salt to which they are entitled: the said salt to be delivered to the agent in Petersburg, at the same time and upon the same terms the quotas of salt are delivered, distributed and sold to the citizens of other counties of the second congressional district.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY, the resolutions submitted by him on yesterday, in relation to funding the public debt, and guaranteeing the debt of the confederate government by the states, were taken up, and referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bill:

No. 38. A bill for the relief of the clerk of the hustings court of the city of Richmond.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the same committee, presented an adverse report to the petition of B. P. Todd and others.

Also, a report upon the petition of the commissioner of the revenue for Petersburg; asking that the same be referred to the committee on finance; which was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR,

Resolved, that leave be given to bring in a bill to modify the act of last session in relation to fences.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Barbour, Grattan and Fletcher.

Subsequently, Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee, presented the following bill:

No. 39. A bill amending and re-enacting the 2d section of an act entitled an act to repeal the fence law of Virginia as to certain counties, and to authorize the county courts to dispense with enclosures in other counties, passed October 3, 1862.

On motion of Mr. AMBERS,

Resolved, that the committee on finance be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repealing the 81st section of the tax bill passed March 27th, 1862, so that sheriffs and commissioners of the revenue may receive the compensation allowed prior to the passage of said act.

On motion of Mr. AMBERS,

Resolved, that the board of public works be directed to report to the house of delegates in what manner they have performed the duty directed by a joint resolution passed October 6, 1862.

Mr. CROCKETT presented the petition of W. H. Neighbours; which was ordered to be referred to the committee for courts of justice.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill subjecting all able bodied men who harbor, conceal or employ deserters, to service in our army, and imposing a fine upon others thus convicted, who are not competent for military duty.

On motion of Mr. HARRISON, the resolution heretofore submitted by him in relation to making the treasury notes of the Confederate States a legal tender, and to that end looking to an amendment of the constitution of the Confederate States, was taken up.

Mr. HARRISON moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the entire resolution, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“Resolved, that in the opinion of the general assembly of Virginia, the congress of the Confederate States have the power, and should

at once make the notes issued by the Confederate States a legal tender in payment of debts; and our senators are instructed and our representatives are requested to procure the passage of a law to that effect."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. HUNTER moved that the resolution and pending amendment be referred to a select committee of seven members; which was agreed to.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the motion: Messrs. Harrison, Hunter, Anderson of Botetourt, Bouldin, Robertson, Forbes and Burks.

The SPEAKER announced that the following newly elected members were assigned to committees as follows: Mr. Marye, to the committee on finance and the library; Mr. Powell, to the committee on military affairs and finance; Mr. Fry, to the committee for courts of justice and of claims; and Mr. Fulton, to the committee of roads and internal navigation and on lunatic asylums.

On motion of Mr. WYNNE,

Resolved, that a special committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of amending chapter _____ of the Code of 1849, relating to public health.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Wynne, Gilmer, Hopkins, Rives and Marye.

On motion of Mr. BURKS,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of amending the 11th section of the 29th chapter of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, in such manner as to confine the exemption therein provided, to actions upon contracts, and to render the said exemption more effectual.

On motion of Mr. WORSHAM,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of exempting, from seizure or sale under execution, one slave in every family.

On motion of Mr. BOOTON,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice be instructed to enquire into the propriety of so amending the existing laws of the state, subjecting free negroes to confinement in the penitentiary for certain offences, as to subject them to sale for a term of years or for life.

On motion of Mr. WILSON,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 128 of the Code of Virginia of 1860, as to relieve guardians or other persons from the payment of interest or principal due by any guardian or other person acting as guardian, at the end of any year, which ought to have been invested or loaned out, and cannot be except at reduced rates, within a reasonable time, for the benefit of the ward, and which remains in the hands of such guardian or other person.

No. 27. A bill to suppress extortion, was taken up, on motion of Mr. HOPKINS, and recommitted to the committee on that subject.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS, the committee was enlarged by the addition of five members.

The SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen as added to the committee: Messrs. Rives, Powell, West, Wilson of Isle of Wight, and Rowan.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, in response to a resolution of the house as to the strength of the state line, the number subject to conscription, and the expenses attending the same; which was read, and on motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt, referred to the committee on military affairs.

Mr. MAGRUDER submitted the following preamble and resolution; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative:

Whereas it has been represented that the slaves impressed for the confederate government, pursuant to the act of the general assembly, passed in October last, are not provided with sufficient and proper food, although that act expressly requires they should be furnished with soldiers' rations:

Resolved, that the governor be requested to enquire into the facts, and make such representations to the proper officers of the confederate government as will procure prompt and effectual relief.

On motion of Mr. RIVES,

Resolved, that so much of the governor's message as relates to the prisoners captured by the Virginia state line, be referred to the committee on military affairs.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of paying to Charles Turnbull, sheriff of Brunswick county, commissions on the increased amount of taxes.

On motion of Mr. KAUFMAN,

Resolved, that so much of the governor's message as relates to free negroes and slaves, be referred to a select committee of five members, with instructions to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. MARYE,

Resolved, that the committee on finance be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill providing for the relief of the inhabitants of the town of Fredericksburg from all state taxes, for the year 1862, upon real property, and upon such slaves and other personalty as may have been abducted or destroyed by the public enemy; and for a like relief to the inhabitants of Spotsylvania county from all such taxes upon personal property so abducted or destroyed.

Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge submitted the following joint resolution:

Resolved, that a committee of nine on the part of the house, and five on the part of the senate, be appointed to consider the expediency of removing the present session of the legislature from the capital; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

No. 20. An engrossed bill for the relief of the securities of William

Paris, late sheriff of Appomattox, was taken up, read a third time, and on motion of Mr. FLOOD, recommitted to the committee on finance.

On motion of Mr. CAZENOVE, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Moore of the Presbyterian church.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution adopted on yesterday in reference to free negroes: Messrs. Kaufman, Woolfolk, Riddick, Prince and Shannon.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, enclosing a letter from the governor of Alabama, in relation to rail road transportation; and also a resolution adopted by the general assembly of Alabama, on the same subject; which were read, and on motion of Mr. JONES, laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 11.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of so amending an act to further provide for the public defence, passed October 31, 1862, as to increase the compensation to owners of slaves employed in the service of the Confederate States; and pay full value for all such slaves as may die while in the service aforesaid, whether through neglect or not, provided they were sound at the time they were received by the confederate authorities.

On motion of Mr. FLEMING,

Resolved, that so much of the governor's message as refers to magistrates and other county officers who have taken the oath of allegiance to the United States government, be referred to the committee for courts of justice.

Mr. BURKS submitted the following preamble and resolution; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative:

Whereas the general assembly, by joint resolution adopted on the 19th day of May 1862, declared "that it is the sacred and patriotic duty of every good citizen of the Confederate States, not under duress of the enemy, to receive in his business transactions the notes of the Confederate States; and to refuse to receive them must depreciate their credit, and will tend to deprive the confederate government of the means of defending our liberty and independence; and such conduct cannot be too strongly denounced as most effectually affording aid and comfort to the public enemy:" Therefore,

Resolved, that the special committee appointed to consider the resolution touching the legal tender of confederate notes, enquire into the expediency of punishing, by suitable penalties, any citizen of the commonwealth who shall refuse to receive the treasury notes

of the Confederate States in discharge of any debt or obligation for the payment of money.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill so amending the stay law as to afford protection to sureties.

On motion of Mr. WOOLFOLK,

Resolved, that the special committee on free negroes be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill providing for the speedy or gradual removal or enslavement of the free negro population of this state, and reporting a resolution requesting the other states of this Confederacy to adopt a similar course, thereby relieving the Confederate States of this injurious population.

A resolution heretofore submitted by Mr. BRADFORD, in reference to the payment for slaves impressed in the service of the Confederate States and not returned, was taken up on his motion, and amended.

The resolution as amended is as follows:

“Resolved by the general assembly of Virginia, that our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives be requested to procure the passage of a bill by the confederate congress, providing for the payment of slaves impressed into the service of the Confederate States, and not returned to their owners, by reason of having escaped to or been captured by the public enemy.”

The question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. BOULDIN moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the resolution was adopted; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. BUFORD, the resolution was referred to the committee for courts of justice.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Rockingham,

Resolved, that the committee on banks enquire into the expediency of so amending the charter of the Bank of Rockingham as to allow said bank to increase its contingent fund to 20 per cent.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. NEWMAN, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to a resolution requesting the governor to make application to the secretary of war of the Confederate States for passports for members of the general assembly and state officers: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

A preamble and resolution in relation to the distribution of salt to the people of Isle of Wight, heretofore submitted by Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight, was taken up on his motion.

Mr. FORBES moved to amend the resolution, by inserting “Fauquier;” and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. VADEN moved to amend the resolution, by inserting “James City.” Pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. FORBES,

Resolved, that the preamble, resolution and pending amendment be referred to a select committee.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Wilson of Isle of Wight, Forbes, Noland, Lynn, Vaden and Worsham.

On motion of Mr. JAMES,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the propriety of reporting a bill authorizing attorneys, trustees or executors, who have received or may receive funds belonging to parties who have fallen or may fall within the lines of the enemy, and with whom communication has been or may be cut off, to invest the same in interest bearing certificates of debt of the commonwealth of Virginia, or the Confederate States of America, in the name of the party entitled thereto: also, to authorize resident executors, trustees or fiduciaries to do any act which might be done by them respectively in conjunction with joint or associate executors, trustees or fiduciaries who may be resident within the United States, and that such act shall have the same force and effect as if done by all the parties on whom the power was conferred.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg,

Resolved, that the committee of roads and internal navigation be instructed to enquire into the expediency of increasing the tolls of the Upper Appomattox company, so as to equalize their tolls with other internal improvement companies in the same region of the state.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON,

Resolved, that the committee on banks enquire into the expediency of so amending the 3d section of the 56th chapter of the Code of 1860, as to prohibit the board of directors of any incorporated company that may purchase or receive shares of its own stock, from having such shares of stock represented in any meeting of its stockholders.

On motion of Mr. VADEN,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the fence law as pertains to the county of James City.

Mr. BOULDIN, from the select committee in relation to the subject of the cultivation of tobacco, presented the following bill; which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time:

No. 40. A bill to limit the production of tobacco and increase the production of grain.

Mr. BASKERVILL submitted the following resolution; which, on his motion, was laid on the table:

Resolved by the general assembly of Virginia, that the senators representing the state of Virginia in the congress of the Confederate States be instructed, and the representatives in the lower house of congress be requested to use every exertion in their power to produce a repeal of the present tariff law of the Confederate States of America, so as to throw open the ports free to the introduction of commodities of every kind from foreign nations.

Mr. BASKERVILL submitted the following resolution; which being objected to, was laid over under the rule:

Resolved, that the secretary of the treasury of the Confederate

States be respectfully requested to inform this house of the amount of gross revenue, the costs of collection, and the net revenue derived from customs by the Confederate States since the 1st of August last, when his report was made to the president on the financial condition of the Confederate States.

On motion of Mr. McCAMANT, the house adjourned until Monday, 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Duncan of the Methodist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Jan. 10, 1863.

The senate have agreed to a resolution from the house of delegates for the election of a Confederate States senator.

A resolution heretofore communicated from the senate, requesting the governor to make application to the secretary of war of the Confederate States for passports for members of the general assembly, &c., was taken up and agreed to.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

S. P. BAILEY, a delegate elected from the county of Fauquier, to supply the vacancy created by the resignation of RICHARDS PAYNE, appeared, was qualified, and took his seat.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill:

No. 41. A bill authorizing the branch of the Exchange Bank of Virginia at Richmond to declare a dividend.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the same committee, to whom had been re-committed bill No. 20, for the relief of the sureties of William Paris, late sheriff of Appomattox, reported the same with an amendment; which was concurred in, and the bill as amended read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill authorizing the qualified voters of this commonwealth, who may be in the military service of the state or of the Confederate States, and the citizens of any county or corporation absent therefrom because of the presence of the public enemy, who would be qualified to vote in such county or corporation, to vote for members of the general assembly, for members of congress, and for a governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general for the state of Virginia, during the present war.

On motion of Mr. ORGAIN,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of imposing a tax (to be graduated with due reference to equalizing the burdens of the war) on the real and personal estates

of any or all persons exempted from military service under the laws of the Confederacy or of this commonwealth, on account of age, sect or physical inability, upon all who have furnished substitutes, and on the incomes of those by whose agency substitutes have been obtained.

No. 34. A bill to authorize and require the governor to transfer to the confederate government the army of Virginia, on certain conditions, was taken up and read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, was read a second time; and the question being—Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

On motion of Mr. GARRISON,

Resolved, that the bill providing for the transfer of the Virginia state line to the confederate government, be recommitted to the committee on military affairs, with instructions to examine and report: 1st, upon what terms and conditions the confederate government will agree to receive the said forces, and what rank it will give the field and company officers in said line: 2d, whether the rights of any parties, either privates or officers, will be compromised by such transfer; and that said committee report by bill or otherwise, and return to this house the facts upon which its report may be based.

On motion of Mr. WOOLFOLK,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill providing for the increase or enlargement of the state line under Major General Floyd.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, enclosing communications from A. Dudley, Esquire, president of the York river rail road company, and Major E. Griswold, provost marshal of Richmond city, in relation to disloyal persons, white, free negroes and slaves, who assemble at West Point, the terminus of the York river rail road; which were read, and on motion, referred to the committee on military affairs.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, recommending an appropriation by the general assembly to provide hospital accommodations for the sick and wounded soldiers of Virginia who may be beyond the limits of the state; which was read, and on motion, referred to the committee on military affairs.

On motion of Mr. BOULDIN,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of authorizing fiduciaries generally to invest the funds under their control in bonds of the Confederate States.

A resolution, heretofore submitted by Mr. BASKERVILL, asking certain information from the secretary of the treasury of the Confederate States, in relation to the tariff laws of the Confederate States, and the amount of revenue received from customs, &c., was taken up, and on motion of Mr. HUNTER, laid on the table.

Mr. RIVES gave notice that he would on to-morrow move to amend the 26th rule of the house as follows:

Resolved, that the 26th rule of this house be so amended as to authorize the speaker to appoint as one of the standing committees

of this house, "a committee on confederate relations," to consist of not less than nine nor more than fifteen members.

On motion of Mr. WYNNE,

Resolved, that the committee of roads and internal navigation be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to amend the charter of the Manchester and Petersburg turnpike company.

No. 27. An engrossed bill changing the time and mode of holding elections in counties and cities of the commonwealth, which have been or may be in possession of the public enemy, was taken up.

On motion of Mr. HUNTER, the rule was suspended, with a view to reconsider the vote ordering the bill to its engrossment; and the question being—Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time? on motion of Mr. CAZENOVE, the bill was laid on the table, and made the order of the day for Thursday next at 1 o'clock.

No. 19. An engrossed bill authorizing the issue of certificates of debt, was taken up and read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? on motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the bill was laid upon the table.

An engrossed bill to refund money received for exemption from military duty, was read a third time and passed—Ayes 83.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Crockett, Custis, Dabney, Dunn, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lynn, Magruder, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tredway, Vaden, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Woolfolk, Wright and Wynne—83.

Ordered, that Mr. GRATTAN carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence therein.

No. 32. An engrossed bill for the relief of the sergeant of the city of Richmond and the sergeant of the city of Petersburg, was taken up, on motion of Mr. WYNNE, read a third time and passed—Ayes 78, noes 6.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Carpenter, Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Crockett, Custis, Dabney, Dunn, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, James, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lynn, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Powell, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tredway, Vaden, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Woolfolk, Worsham, Wright and Wynne—78.

NOES—Messrs. Gatewood, Hunt, Johnson, Lively, Pitman and West—6.

No. 24. A bill to authorize certain classes of citizens to vote out of their counties and corporations during the present war, was taken up, read a second time, and on motion of Mr. CAZENOVE, laid on the table, and made the order of the day for Thursday next at 1 o'clock.

No. 27. A bill concerning the salaries of certain officers of the government, was taken up, read a second time, and on motion of Mr. BARBOUR, committed to the committee on finance.

The following bills were read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time:

No. 37. A bill to incorporate the Southern female college of the city of Petersburg.

No. 38. A bill for the relief of the clerk of the hustings court of the city of Richmond.

No. 39. A bill amending and re-enacting the second section of an act entitled an act to repeal the fence law of Virginia as to certain counties, and to authorize the county courts to dispense with enclosures in other counties, passed October 3, 1862.

No. 41. A bill authorizing the branch of the Exchange Bank at Richmond to declare a dividend.

An adverse report of the committee for courts of justice to the petition of B. T. Todd and others, was taken up, and on motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. MURDAUGH,

Resolved, that the special committee to whom was referred the resolution proposing to instruct and require the governor to distribute salt to the citizens of certain counties, be instructed to enquire what further legislation is necessary in order to have furnished to the loyal citizens of those counties and cities which are wholly in possession of the enemy, with the quantity of salt they are entitled to, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. BASKERVILL,

Resolved, that the committee of roads and internal navigation be instructed to enquire into the expediency of closing the mortgage on the Roanoke valley rail road.

On motion of Mr. VADEN, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Duncan of the Methodist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Jan. 12, 1863.

The senate have agreed to a joint resolution concerning arrests of civilians by military authority.

In which they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The joint resolution concerning arrests of civilians by military authority, was taken up, and on motion, referred to the committee for courts of justice.

Mr. HUNTER, from the committee for courts of justice, presented an adverse report to the petition of William H. Neighbours, of Wythe county, praying to be restored to the office of commissioner of the revenue.

Mr. CARPENTER, from the committee of roads and internal navigation, presented the following bills:

No. 42. A bill incorporating the Confederate express company.

No. 43. A bill to amend certain provisions of an act entitled an act incorporating a company to establish a turnpike road from the town of Manchester to the town of Petersburg, and to amend certain provisions of subsequent acts relating to the same company.

The resolution heretofore presented by Mr. RIVES, in regard to a change of the 26th rule of this house, was taken up and agreed to.

Mr. ROBERTSON presented the petition of Henningham C. Harrison et al., for relief, by an increase of allowance for storage of tobacco; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on agriculture and manufactures.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. PENNYBACKER, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a bill entitled an act to refund money received for exemption from military duty, with amendments: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The joint order of the day for the election of Confederate States senator to supply the vacancy created by the death of William Ballard Preston, was taken up and read.

Mr. DUNN submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that (the senate concurring) the execution of the joint order which has for its object the election of a Confederate States senator, be postponed until Tuesday the 20th instant; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 58, noes 49.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Baskerville, Bass, Bigger, Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Custis, Davis, Dunn, Edmunds, Ewing, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Magruder, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Minor, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Rowan, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, F. G. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Walker, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wynne—58.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, Bailey, Baker, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, Cecil, Crockett, Dabney, Daniel, Dice, Eggleston, Evans, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Garrison, Gilmer, Green, Harrison, Hunter, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, McKinney, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, P. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Vaden, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Wright—49.

Ordered, that Mr. DUNN carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. JOHNSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had disagreed to the resolution.

Mr. RICHARDSON submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that (the senate concurring) the execution of the joint order, which has for its object the election of a Confederate States senator, be postponed to Thursday the 22d instant.

Mr. WOOLFOLK moved to amend the resolution; by inserting in lieu thereof the following: "that the senate be informed that this

house is now ready on its part to proceed to execute the order of the day, which has for its object the election of a Confederate States senator; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. WALKER demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 64, noes 44.

On motion of Mr. FORBES, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, Carter, Cecil, Crockett, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Evans, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Fulton, Gilmer, Green, Harrison, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Lundy, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Minor, Prince, Reid, Kiddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Vaden, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wright—64.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Custis, Dunn, Edmunds, Ewing, Forbes, Fry, Gatewood, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, James, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lynn, Magruder, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Rowan, Shannon, F. G. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tomlin, Worsham and Wynne—44.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution as amended, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the rule was suspended, with a view of reconsidering the vote by which the resolution as amended was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. HARRISON, the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. BARBOUR submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that (the senate consenting) the execution of the joint order which has for its object the election of a Confederate States senator, be postponed until Saturday the 17th instant; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. WEST demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 46, noes 60.

On motion of Mr. WALKER, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Buford, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Custis, Daniel, Davis, Dunn, Edmunds, Ewing, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, Grattan, James, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Magruder, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Rowan, Shannon, F. G. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tomlin, Worsham and Wynne—46.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Burks, Carpenter, Carter, Cecil, Crockett, Dabney, Dice, Eggleston, Evans, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Garrison, Gilmer, Green, Harrison, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Lundy, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Minor, Newton, Prince, Reid, Kiddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Vaden, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Wright—60.

Mr. McDONALD of Wyoming moved an adjournment; and the question being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 18, noes 88.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Bailey, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Clarke, Dunn, Ewing, Fry, Gatewood, Lockridge, I. E. McDonald, Murdaugh, W. G. T. Nelson, Pitman, Richardson, Shannon, Thrash and Wynne—18.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskervill, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Burks, Carpenter, Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Crockett, Custis, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Fulton, Garrison, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Harrison, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy,

Lynn, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Minor, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tredway, Vaden, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wright—88.

Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge nominated *William C. Rives* of Albemarle.

Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt nominated *John J. Allen* of Botetourt.

Mr. GREEN nominated *Charles W. Russell* of Ohio.

Mr. WYNNE nominated *John B. Floyd* of Washington.

Mr. NEWTON submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, that (the senate consenting) the execution of the joint order, which has for its object the election of a Confederate States senator, be postponed until to-morrow at 12½ o'clock.

The question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, that Mr. NEWTON inform the senate thereof.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. BALL, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the resolution.

On motion of Mr. HUNTER, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Duncan of the Methodist church.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill No. 33, entitled an act to refund money received for exemption from military duty, were taken up.

The first amendment was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. GRATTAN, the second amendment was disagreed to.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, from the committee on extortion, to whom had been referred No. 27, a bill to suppress extortion, reported a substitute therefor; which, on his motion, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a report of the board of public works, in response to a resolution of the house adopted on the 9th instant; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on extortion.

On motion of Mr. BOOTON,

Resolved, that the committee on finance be instructed to enquire into the propriety of authorizing the treasurer of this commonwealth to issue notes of a less denomination than one dollar.

Mr. WYNNE presented a resolution of the city council of the city of Richmond; which, on his motion, was referred to the committee for courts of justice.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg,

Resolved, that the committee on roads and internal navigation enquire into the expediency of converting the interest now due from the South side rail road company to the state, into state stock of the company, or to make such other disposition of the same as may enable said company to change the line of their road, in such manner as is provided in the act of assembly passed January 26, 1862.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill amending the 32d section of chapter 158 of the Code, edition of 1860, so as to enlarge the powers of special terms of circuit courts in certain cases.

Mr. HUNTER, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bill:

No. 44. A bill to enlarge the powers of special terms of circuit courts in certain cases; which was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The SPEAKER laid before the house communications from the governor in relation to passports for the members of the general assembly; which were read, and on motion, laid on the table.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, in reponse to a resolution of the house in relation to slaves employed on the fortifications near Richmond, enclosing a letter from Col. Gilmer of the engineer bureau of the Confederate States service; which were read, and on motion, laid on the table.

The joint order, which had for its object the election of a Confederate States senator, was taken up.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

Resolved, that (the senate consenting) the execution of the joint order, which has for its object the election of a Confederate States senator, be postponed until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Ordered, that Mr. FORBES carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. NASH, that the senate had agreed to the resolution.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Duncan of the Methodist church.

The SPEAKER laid before the house the following communication from H. D. Burruss, sergeant at arms:

KING WILLIAM CO., VA., Jan. 10, 1863.

DEAR SIR:

I find it impossible to attend the general assembly of Virginia this session: Therefore I must beg most respectfully

to resign the office of sergeant at arms, hoping that you may have a profitable and pleasant session.

Suffer me to return to you and the honorable members my sincere thanks for past favors.

I remain yours,

Very respectfully,

H. D. BURRUSS.

HON. H. W. SHEFFEY, *Speaker House Delegates.*

Mr. BARBOUR moved to proceed to the election of a sergeant at arms to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of *H. D. Burruss*; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. BARBOUR nominated *Robert W. Burke* for the office of sergeant at arms, who was unanimously appointed.

The office of first doorkeeper having been made vacant by the election of *Robert W. Burke* sergeant at arms, Mr. BARBOUR moved to fill the vacancy, and thereupon nominated *Thomas O. Flint* of the county of Culpeper, who was unanimously elected.

Mr. REID gave notice that on to-morrow he would offer the following addition to the rules of this house:

"The officers of this house, now acting or hereafter appointed, shall take the following oaths: The oath of fidelity to the commonwealth; the oath of office; the anti-dueling oath, and the oath to support the constitution of the Confederate States."

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER,

Resolved, that the committee of propositions and grievances be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill authorizing the county courts to impress or condemn houses and grounds for hospitals.

The joint order, which had for its object the election of a Confederate States senator, to supply the vacancy created by the death of William Ballard Preston, was taken up.

Mr. McCAMANT submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that all debate on the pending nominations shall cease in ten minutes.

Mr. JONES moved to amend the resolution, by striking out "ten" and inserting "five."

Mr. WOOLFOLK moved to amend the amendment, by striking out "five," and inserting "one;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, that Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt inform the senate that the house on its part was ready to proceed to the execution of the joint order of the day, and that *William C. Rives* of Albemarle, *John J. Allen* of Botetourt, *Charles W. Russell* of Ohio, and *John B. Floyd* of Washington were in nomination before that body.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr.

JOHNSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate on its part was ready to proceed to the execution of the joint order, and that no other name had been added to the list of nominations.

The roll was then called, with the following result :

For William C. Rives—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, Custis, Davis, Dice, Evans, Fulton, Harrison, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Jordan, Magruder, Mathews, McKinney, Prince, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, P. Saunders, Staples, F. G. Taylor, Vaden, Walker, Williams and J. L. Wilson—30.

For John J. Allen—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Bass, Carter, Cazenove, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Garrison, Gilmer, Hunter, James, Jones, Lundy, Mallory, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, Montague, Newton, R. C. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wright—28.

For Charles W. Russell—Messrs. Bradford, Edmunds, Fleming, Gatewood, Green, Johnson, Kaufman, Laidley, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Robinson, Rutherford, Sherrard, Tomlin, Tredway, Ward, West and Worsham—22.

For John B. Floyd—Messrs. Barbour, Baskervill, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Carpenter, Clarke, Daniel, Dunn, Ewing, Fletcher, George, J. H. Hopkins, Kyle, Lynn, I. E. McDonald, W. G. T. Nelson, Richardson, Shannon, Thomas, Thrash and Wynne—22.

For Allen T. Caperton—Messrs. Eggleston, Lively, Powell and Rowan—4.

For Benjamin F. Wysox—Mr. Cecil—1.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee to meet a corresponding committee on the part of the senate, and count the joint vote : Messrs. Anderson of Rockbridge, Magruder, Prince, Hopkins of Petersburg, Anderson of Botetourt, Forbes, Hunter, Newton, Green, Edmunds, Laidley, Fleming, Wynne, Grattan, Lockridge, Barbour and James.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. NASH, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the following resolution :

Resolved, that (with the concurrence of the house of delegates) the further execution of the joint order, which has for its object the election of a Confederate States senator, be postponed until to-morrow at 10 o'clock : in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

Mr. PRINCE moved to disagree to the resolution ; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

The SPEAKER thereupon announced the resolution agreed to.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Duncan of the Methodist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows :

IN SENATE, Jan. 15, 1863.

The senate have passed house bill entitled an act concerning bonds of sheriffs, No. 4, with an amendment.

In which amendment they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The amendment was taken up and concurred in.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

• Mr. McCAMANT, from the committee of propositions and grievances, presented the following bill :

No. 45. A bill to authorize town councils and county courts to condemn land for hospitals ; which was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time ; and the question being—Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time ? on motion of Mr. REID, the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. WYNNE presented the petition of William F. Ritchie, public printer, praying relief ; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge presented the petition of citizens of Rockbridge in reference to extortion ; which, on motion, was laid upon the table.

Mr. WOOLFOLK presented the petition of Dr. L. L. Holliday, in reference to the impressment of slaves to work on fortifications ; which was, on his motion, referred to the committee for courts of justice.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Resolved, that the committee on agriculture and manufactures enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill offering a bounty for the manufacture, in this state, of cotton and woolen cards.

On motion of Mr. STAPLES,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs enquire into, and report to this house, the condition of the Virginia sick and wounded soldiers, the expediency of establishing a state hospital for their benefit, and whether any, and if any, what appropriation is necessary for this purpose ; and also for the purchase of clothing and other supplies necessary for the comfort of Virginia soldiers.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, stating that R. M. Nimmo, elected penitentiary agent and storekeeper, had failed to qualify, and that a new election was therefore rendered necessary ; which was read, and on motion, laid on the table.

Mr. PRINCE, from the committee appointed to count the joint vote cast for the election of senator in the congress of the Confederate States, reported that the committee had discharged the duty assigned them, and beg leave to report as follows :

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	147
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	74
William C. Rives received	-	-	41
John J. Allen	-	-	34
Charles W. Russell	-	-	38
John B. Floyd	-	-	28
Allen T. Caperton	-	-	5
B. F. Wysor	-	-	1

No person having received a majority of all the votes cast, the name of *John B. Floyd* was dropped under the rule.

Mr. GRATTAN renominated *John B. Floyd*.

Ordered, that Mr. GRATTAN inform the senate thereof.

There being no election, the roll was again called, with the following result:

For William C. Rives—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Bouldin, Burks, Custis, Davis, Dice, Evans, Fulton, Harrison, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Jordan, Magruder, Mathews, McKinney, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, P. Saunders, Staples, F. G. Taylor, Vaden, Williams and J. L. Wilson—29.

For Charles W. Russell—Messrs. Bradford, Edmunds, Fleming, Gatewood, Green, Johnson, Kaufman, Laidley, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Robinson, Rutherford, Sherrard, Tomlin, Tredway, Ward, West and Worsham—22.

For John J. Allen—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Bass, Cazenove, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Eggleston, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Garrison, Gilmer, Hunter, James, Jones, Lundy, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, Montague, Newton, Rowan, R. C. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, S. M. Wilson and Wright—28.

For John B. Floyd—Messrs. Barbour, Baskervill, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Carpenter, Clarke, Daniel, Dunn, Ewing, Fletcher, George, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lynn, I. E. McDonald, W. G. T. Nelson, Richardson, Shannon, Thomas, Thrash, Woolfolk and Wynne—26.

For Allen T. Caperton—Mr. Powell—1.

The same committee ascertained the joint vote, and Mr. ANDERSON reported that vote to be:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	147
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	74
William C. Rives received	-	-	41
Charles W. Russell	"	-	38
John J. Allen	"	-	34
John B. Floyd	"	-	32
Scattering	-	-	2

No person having received a majority of all the votes cast, the name of *John B. Floyd* was dropped under the rule.

Mr. RICHARDSON renominated *John B. Floyd*.

Ordered, that Mr. RICHARDSON inform the senate thereof.

There being no election, the roll was again called, with the following result:

For William C. Rives—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Bouldin, Burks, Custis, Davis, Dice, Evans, Fulton, Harrison, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Jordan, Magruder, Mathews, McKinney, Minor, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, P. Saunders, Staples, Vaden, Walker and Williams—29.

For John J. Allen—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Bass, Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Eggleston, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Garrison, Gilmer, Hunter, James, Jones, Lundy, Mayo, Montague, Newton, R. C. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, S. M. Wilson and Wright—26.

For Charles W. Russell—Messrs. Booton, Bradford, Edmunds, Fleming, Gatewood, Green, Johnson, Kaufman, Laidley, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Robinson, Rutherford, Sherrard, Tomlin, Tredway, Ward, West and Worsham—23.

For John B. Floyd—Messrs. Barbour, Baskervill, Bayse, Bigger, Carpenter, Clarke, Daniel, Dunn, Ewing, Fletcher, George, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lynn, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, W. G. T. Nelson, Richardson, Rowan, Shannon, Thomas, Thrash, Woolfolk and Wynne—27.

For Allen T. Caperton—Mr. Powell—1.

The same committee ascertained the joint vote, and Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge reported that vote to be:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	148
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	75
William C. Rives received	-	-	41
John J. Allen	"	-	32
Charles W. Russell	"	-	39

John B. Floyd	received	-	-	33
Allen T. Caperton	"	-	-	1
W. R. Staples,	"	-	-	1

No person having received a majority of all the votes cast, the name of *John J. Allen* was dropped under the rule.

Mr. MARYE renominated *John J. Allen*.

Ordered, that Mr. MARYE inform the senate thereof.

There being no election, the roll was again called, with the following result:

For William C. Rives—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Bouldin, Burks, Custis, Davis, Dice, Evans, Fulton, Harrison, H. L. Hopkins, Jordan, Magruder, Mathews, McKinney, Minor, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, P. Saunders, Staples, Vaden, Walker, Williams and J. L. Wilson—29.

For John J. Allen—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Bass, Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Eggleston, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Garrison, Gilmer, Hunter, James, Jones, Lundy, Mallory, Marye, Mayo, Montague, R. E. Nelson, Newton, R. C. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, S. M. Wilson and Wright—29.

For Charles W. Russell—Messrs. Bradford, Edmunds, Fleming, Gatewood, Green, Johnson, Kaufman, Laidley, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Robinson, Rutherford, Sherrard, Tomlin, Tredway, Ward, West and Worsham—22.

For John B. Floyd—Messrs. Barbour, Baskervill, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Carpenter, Clarke, Daniel, Dunn, Ewing, Fletcher, George, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lynn, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, W. G. T. Nelson, Richardson, Rowan, Shannon, Thomas, Thrash, Woolfolk and Wynne—29.

For Allen T. Caperton—Mr. Powell—1.

The same committee ascertained the joint vote, and Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge reported that vote to be:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	151
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	76
William C. Rives received	-	-	41
John J. Allen	"	-	35
Charles W. Russell	"	-	38
John B. Floyd	"	-	35
Allen T. Caperton	"	-	2

There being no election, and the SPEAKER having announced that of the nominees the two lowest had received an equal number of votes, and neither being dropped under the rule; thereupon Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt withdrew the name of *John J. Allen*.

Mr. FORBES nominated *Allen T. Caperton* of Monroe.

Ordered, that Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt inform the senate that the name of *John J. Allen* was withdrawn, and that of *Allen T. Caperton* was added to the list of nominations.

The roll was again called, with the following result:

For William C. Rives—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Bouldin, Burks, Custis, Davis, Dice, Fulton, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Jordan, Lundy, Magruder, McKinney, Minor, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, P. Saunders, Staples, Vaden, Walker, Williams and J. L. Wilson—27.

For Charles W. Russell—Messrs. Bass, Bradford, Cazenove, Edmunds, Fleming, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, Hunter, Johnson, Kaufman, Laidley, Mallory, A. W. McDonald, Murdaugh, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Robinson, Rutherford, Sherrard, Tredway, Ward, West and Worsham—26.

For John B. Floyd—Messrs. Barbour, Baskervill, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Carpenter, Clarke, Daniel, Dunn, Ewing, Fletcher, Fry, George, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, James, Kyle, Lockridge, Lynn, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, W. G. T. Nelson, Richardson, Shannon, Thomas, Thrash, Woolfolk and Wynne—28.

For Allen T. Caperton—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Carter, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Eggleston, Evans, Flood, Forbes, Garrison, Harrison,

Jones, Lively, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, Powell, Rowan, R. C. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin and Wright—28.

For John J. Allen—Mr. S. M. Wilson—1.

The same committee ascertained the joint vote, and Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge reported that vote to be:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	151
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	76
William C. Rives received	-	-	40
Charles W. Russell	"	-	43
John B. Floyd	"	-	35
Allen T. Caperton	"	-	31
John J. Allen	"	-	2

There being no election, Mr. FORBES renominated *Allen T. Caperton*.

Ordered, that Mr. FORBES inform the senate thereof.

The roll was again called, with the following result:

For *William C. Rives*—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Bouldin, Custis, Dice, Fulton, H. L. Hopkins, Lundy, Magruder, McKinney, Minor, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Staples, Vaden, Walker, Williams and J. L. Wilson—22.

For *Charles W. Russell*—Messrs. Bass, Bradford, Cazenove, Edmunds, Fleming, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, Hunter, Johnson, Kaufman, Laidley, Mallory, A. W. McDonald, Murdaugh, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Robinson, Sherrard, Tredway, Ward, West and Worsham—25.

For *John B. Floyd*—Messrs. Barbour, Baskervill, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Carpenter, Clarke, Daniel, Dunn, Ewing, Fletcher, Fry, George, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Kyle, Lockridge, Lynn, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, W. G. T. Nelson, Richardson, Shannon, Thomas, Thrash, Woolfolk and Wynne—29.

For *Allen T. Caperton*—Messrs. Sheffield (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Burks, Carter, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Eggleston, Evans, Flood, Forbes, Garrison, Harrison, Jones, Jordan, Lively, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McLaughlin, Montague, Powell, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin and Wright—31.

For John J. Allen—Mr. S. M. Wilson—1.

The same committee ascertained the joint vote, and Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge reported that vote to be:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	149
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	75
William C. Rives received	-	-	34
Charles W. Russell	"	-	42
John B. Floyd	"	-	36
Allen T. Caperton	"	-	35
John J. Allen	"	-	2

There being no election, and the name of *William C. Rives* being dropped under the rule, the roll was again called, with the following result:

For *Charles W. Russell*—Messrs. Bass, Bradford, Cazenove, Custis, Edmunds, Fleming, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Johnson, Kaufman, Laidley, Lundy, Mallory, A. W. McDonald, Minor, Murdaugh, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Robinson, Sherrard, Tredway, Ward, West, J. L. Wilson and Worsham—30.

For *John B. Floyd*—Messrs. Barbour, Baskervill, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Carpenter, Clarke, Daniel, Dunn, Ewing, Fletcher, Fry, George, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, James, Kyle, Lockridge, Lynn, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, W. G. T. Nelson, Richardson, Shannon, Thomas, Thrash, Woolfolk and Wynne—28.

For *Allen T. Caperton*—Messrs. Sheffield (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, Carter, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Evans, Flood, Forbes, Fulton, Garrison, Harrison, Hunt, Jones, Jordan, Lively, Mathews, Mayo, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, Powell, Prince, Reid, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Vaden, Williams and Wright—42.

For *William C. Rives*—Messrs. Bailey, Magruder, McKinney, Riddick, Rives and Robertson—6.

For *John J. Allen*—Mr. S. M. Wilson—1.

The same committee ascertained the joint vote, and Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge reported the vote to be:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	149
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	75
Charles W. Russell received	-	-	47
John B. Floyd	"	-	35
Allen T. Caperton	"	-	47
William C. Rives	"	-	18
John J. Allen	"	-	1
Henry A. Wise	"	-	1

There being no election, the name of *John B. Floyd* was dropped under the rule.

Mr. WOOLFOLK nominated *John J. Allen*.

Mr. LYNN renominated *John B. Floyd*.

Ordered, that Mr. WOOLFOLK inform the senate that the name of *John J. Allen* had been added to the list of nominations, and that *John B. Floyd* had been renominated.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. WILEY, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the following resolution:

Resolved, that (the house of delegates consenting) the further execution of the joint order be postponed until to-morrow at 10½ o'clock: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. JOHNSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate requested a return of the message just communicated.

The request of the senate was concurred in.

Ordered, that Mr. FORBES inform the senate thereof.

The roll was again called, with the following result:

For *Charles W. Russell*—Messrs. Bass, Booton, Bradford, Cazenove, Custis, Edmunds, Fleming, Gatewood, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Johnson, Kaufman, Laidley, Lundy, Mallory, A. W. McDonald, Minor, Murdaugh, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Robinson, Sherrard, Tredway, Ward, West, J. L. Wilson and Worsham—30.

For *Allen T. Caperton*—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, Carter, Cecil, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Evans, Forbes, Fulton, Harrison, Jones, Jordan, Lively, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McLaughlin, Powell, Prince, Reid, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, Tomlin, Vaden, Williams, and Wright—35.

For *John B. Floyd*—Messrs. Bailey, Barbour, Baskervill, Bayse, Bigger, Carpenter, Clarke, Daniel, Dunn, Ewing, Fletcher, Fry, George, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, Kyle, Lockridge, Lynn, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, W. G. T. Nelson, Richardson, Shannon, Thomas, Thrash and Wynne—27.

For *John J. Allen*—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Coleman, Flood, Garrison, Gilmer, James, Montague, R. E. Nelson, R. F. Taylor, S. M. Wilson and Woolfolk—12.

For *William C. Rives*—Messrs. Magruder, McKinney, Riddick, Rives and Robertson—5.

The same committee ascertained the joint vote, and Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge reported that vote to be:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	151
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	76
Charles W. Russell received	-	-	48

Allen T. Caperton received	-	-	47
John B. Floyd	"	-	33
John J. Allen	"	-	15
William C. Rives	"	-	7

There being no election, the SPEAKER announced the name of *John J. Allen* dropped under the rule.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. JOHNSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the following resolution :

Resolved, that (the house of delegates concurring) the further execution of the joint order be postponed until to-morrow at 10½ o'clock.

The resolution was taken up and concurred in.

Ordered, that Mr. FORBES inform the senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 10½ o'clock.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Duncan of the Methodist church.

No. 45. A bill to authorize town councils and county courts to condemn lands for hospital purposes, was taken up, on motion of Mr. REID, amended, and as amended, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

On motion of Mr. WOOLFOLK,

Resolved, that a special committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to investigate the charges made in regard to the deficiency in the quantity and quality of the rations furnished to the slaves working on the fortifications near Richmond, as well as to their general treatment, with power to send for witnesses, and report thereon to this house.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution : Messrs. Woolfolk, Magruder, Bass, Walker and Rives.

Mr. MALLORY submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, that this house will, with the consent of the senate, proceed, on Tuesday next the 20th instant, to elect a general agent and storekeeper of the penitentiary, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the failure of R. M. Nimmo to qualify as such.

The question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, that Mr. MALLORY carry the same to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence therein.

No. 44. An engrossed bill to enlarge the powers of special terms of circuit courts, was taken up, on motion of Mr. MAGRUDER, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. MAGRUDER carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. CECIL presented the petition of William H. Howe, asking that a sum of money be refunded to him; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. TOMLIN submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing protection by law to the people of this commonwealth against impressments of their property by officers of the confederate government.

Mr. SAUNDERS of Campbell moved to amend the resolution, by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and inserting "that a committee of five be appointed to confer with the secretary of war in regard to impressments, with a view to devise some arrangement that may be more satisfactory to the community and advantageous to the public service, than the present system of arbitrary impressments." Pending the consideration of which, the resolution and amendment were laid on the table.

The joint order of the day, which had for its object the election of a Confederate States senator to supply the vacancy created by the death of William Ballard Preston, was taken up. The roll was then called, with the following result:

For Charles W. Russell—Messrs. Bass, Booton, Bradford, Carter, Cazenove, Edmunds, Fleming, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Johnson, Kaufman, Laidley, Lundy, Mallory, A. W. McDonald, Minor, Murdaugh, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Robinson, Sherrard, Tredway, Ward, West, J. L. Wilson and Worsham—31.

For Allen T. Caperton—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Eggleston, Evans, Flood, Forbes, Fulton, Garrison, Harrison, Jones, Jordan, Lively, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, Powell, Prince, Reid, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Vaden, Walker, Williams and Wright—41.

For John B. Floyd—Messrs. Bailey, Barbour, Baskervill, Bayse, Bigger, Carpenter, Clarke, Daniel, Dunn, Ewing, Fletcher, Fry, George, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Kyle, Lockridge, Lynn, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, W. G. T. Nelson, Richardson, Shannon, Thrash, Woolfolk and Wynne—23.

For William C. Rives—Messrs. Magruder, McKinney, Riddick and Robertson—4.

For Wood Bouldin—Mr. Rives—1.

The same committee heretofore appointed ascertained the joint vote, and Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge reported that vote to be:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	144
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	73
Charles W. Russell received	-	-	47
Allen T. Caperton	"	-	57
John B. Floyd	"	-	35
Scattering,	-	-	5

There being no election, the name of *John B. Floyd* was dropped under the rule:

Mr. DUNN renominated *John B. Floyd*.

Mr. MALLORY nominated *William C. Rives*.

Ordered, that Mr. DUNN inform the senate of the renomination of *John B. Floyd* and the nomination of *William C. Rives*.

Mr. ROBERTSON submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that each member be limited to five minutes in the discussion of the pending nominations; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. JONES demanded the previous question; which

was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. JAMES,

Resolved, that all debate cease in five minutes.

The roll was again called, with the following result:

For Charles W. Russell—Messrs. Bass, Booton, Bradford, Carter, Cazenove, Edmunds, Fleming, Fletcher, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, Hunter, Johnson, Kaufman, Laidley, Lundy, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Minor, Murdaugh, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Robinson, Sherrard, Tredway, West, S. M. Wilson and Worsham—30.

For Allen T. Caperton—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Bouldin, Burks, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Eggleston, Evans, Flood, Forbes, Garrison, Harrison, James, Jones, Jordan, Lively, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McLaughlin, Montague, Powell, Reid, Rowan, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin and Wright—27.

For John B. Floyd—Messrs. Barbour, Baskervill, Bayse, Bigger, Carpenter, Clarke, Daniel, Dunn, Ewing, Fry, George, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, Kyle, Lockridge, Lynn, I. E. McDonald, W. G. T. Nelson, Richardson, Shannon, Thomas, Thrash and Wynne—24.

For William C. Rives—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Buford, Fulton, H. L. Hopkins, Magruder, Mallory, McKinney, R. E. Nelson, Prince, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, P. Saunders, Staples, F. G. Taylor, Vaden, Walker, Ward, Williams and J. L. Wilson—22.

For John J. Allen—Mr. Woolfolk—1.

The same committee ascertained the joint vote, and Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge reported that vote to be:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	144
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	73
Charles W. Russell received	-	-	47
Allen T. Caperton	"	-	35
John B. Floyd	"	-	30
William C. Rives	"	-	31
Scattering,	-	-	1

There being no election, the name of *John B. Floyd* was dropped under the rule.

Mr. STAPLES nominated *Alexander R. Boteler* of Jefferson.

Ordered, that Mr. STAPLES inform the senate thereof.

The roll was again called, with the following result:

For Charles W. Russell—Messrs. Baskervill, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Bradford, Carter, Cazenove, Edmunds, Fleming, Fletcher, Gatewood, Green, Hunter, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Murdaugh, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Robinson, Sherrard, Thrash, Tredway, Ward, West, S. M. Wilson and Worsham—33.

For Allen T. Caperton—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bouldin, Burks, Carpenter, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Eggleston, Evans, Flood, Forbes, Garrison, Harrison, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Lively, Lockridge, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McLaughlin, Montague, W. G. T. Nelson, Powell, Reid, Rowan, R. C. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin and Wright—36.

For William C. Rives—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Baker, Buford, Cecil, Fulton, H. L. Hopkins, Magruder, Mallory, McKinney, Minor, Prince, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, P. Saunders, F. G. Taylor, Vaden, Walker, Williams and J. L. Wilson—20.

For Alexander R. Boteler—Messrs. Bailey, Gilmer, Staples, Woolfolk and Wynne—5.

For John Letcher—Messrs. Grattan and Thomas—2.

For John J. Allen—Messrs. Clarke, Fry and Shannon—3.

For John B. Floyd—Messrs. Dunn, Ewing, George, J. H. Hopkins, I. E. McDonald and Richardson—6.

The same committee ascertained the joint vote, and Mr. MAGRUDER reported that vote to be:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	146
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	74
Charles W. Russell received	-	-	54
Allen T. Caperton	"	-	47

William C. Rives received	-	-	26
Alexander R. Boteler "	-	-	6
Scattering,	-	-	13

There being no election, the name of *Alexander R. Boteler* was dropped under the rule.

The roll was again called, with the following result:

For Charles W. Russell—Messrs. Baskerville, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Bradford, Carter, Cazenove, Daniel, Edmunds, Fleming, Fletcher, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, Hunter, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, Lynn, Mallory, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Minor, Murdaugh, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Robinson, Shannon, Sherrard, Thrash, Tredway, Ward, West, S. M. Wilson and Worsham—40.

For Allen T. Caperton—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, Cecil, Clarke, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Eggleston, Evans, Flood, Forbes, Fulton, Garrison, Harrison, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Lively, Lockridge, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Powell, Reid, Richardson, Rowan, R. C. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Vaden, Walker, Williams, Wright and Wynne—49.

For William C. Rives—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, George, H. L. Hopkins, Magruder, Prince, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, P. Saunders, F. G. Taylor and J. L. Wilson—11.

For John J. Allen—Messrs. Fry and Woolfolk—2.

For John B. Floyd—Messrs. Dunn, Ewing, J. H. Hopkins and I. E. McDonald—4.

For Hugh W. Sheffey—Mr. Thomas—1.

For John Letcher—Mr. Grattan—1.

For A. R. Boteler—Mr. Bailey—1.

The same committee ascertained the joint vote, and Mr. PRINCE reported that vote to be:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	151
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	76
Charles W. Russell received	-	-	62
Allen T. Caperton "	-	-	68
William C. Rives "	-	-	11
Scattering,	-	-	10

There being no election, the name of *William C. Rives* was dropped under the rule.

Mr. DUNN nominated *John B. Floyd*.

Ordered, that Mr. DUNN inform the senate thereof.

The roll was again called, with the following result:

For Allen T. Caperton—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Eggleston, Evans, Flood, Forbes, Fulton, Garrison, Harrison, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Lively, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Vaden, Walker, Williams and Wright—46.

For Charles W. Russell—Messrs. Bass, Booton, Bradford, Carter, Cazenove, Edmunds, Fleming, Fletcher, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, Mallory, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Minor, Murdaugh, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Robinson, Sherrard, Tredway, Ward, West, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Worsham—36.

For John B. Floyd—Messrs. Bailey, Barbour, Baskerville, Bayse, Bigger, Carpenter, Clarke, Daniel, Dunn, Ewing, Fry, George, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, Lockridge, Lynn, I. E. McDonald, W. G. T. Nelson, Richardson, Shannon, Thomas, Thrash and Wynne—23.

For William C. Rives—Messrs. Rives and Robertson—2.

The same committee ascertained the joint vote, and Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge reported that vote to be:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	149
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	75
Allen T. Caperton received	-	-	64
Charles W. Russell "	-	-	54

John B. Floyd received	-	-	29
Scattering,	-	-	2

There being no election, the name of *John B. Floyd* was dropped under the rule.

The roll was then called, with the following result:

For Allen T. Caperton—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Eggleston, Evans, Flood, Forbes, Fulton, Garrison, George, Harrison, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Lively, Lockridge, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Vaden, Walker, Williams and Wright—54.

For Charles W. Russell—Messrs. Baskervill, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Bradford, Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Daniel, Edmunds, Fleming, Fletcher, Fry, Gatewood, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, Lynn, Mallory, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Minor, Murdaugh, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Robinson, Shannon, Sherrard, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Ward, West, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Worsham and Wynne—47.

For John B. Floyd—Messrs. Bailey, Dunn, Ewing and I. E. McDonald—4.

For William C. Rives—Messrs. Rives and Robertson—2.

For Hugh W. Sheffey—J. H. Hopkins—1.

For Andrew Hunter—Mr. Woolfolk—1.

The same committee ascertained the joint vote, and Mr. MAGRUDER reported that vote to be:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	151
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	76
Allen T. Caperton received	-	-	72
Charles W. Russell	-	-	64
Scattering,	-	-	12

There being no election, Mr. RICHARDSON nominated *Walter Preston* of Washington.

Ordered, that Mr. RICHARDSON inform the senate thereof.

The roll was again called, with the following result:

For Charles W. Russell—Messrs. Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bradford, Carter, Cazenove, Daniel, Edmunds, Fleming, Fletcher, Fry, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Johnson, Kaufman, Laidley, Lundy, Lynn, Mallory, A. W. McDonald, Minor, Murdaugh, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Robinson, Sherrard, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Ward, West, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Worsham—40.

For Allen T. Caperton—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Eggleston, Evans, Flood, Forbes, Garrison, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Lively, Lockridge, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Vaden, Williams, Wright and Wynne—45.

For Walter Preston—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Bailey, Bayse, Clarke, Davis, Dunn, Ewing, Fulton, George, Grattan, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, Kyle, McCamant, Richardson, Shannon, Staples, F. G. Taylor, Walker and Woolfolk—20.

For John B. Floyd—Mr. I. E. McDonald—1.

For William C. Rives—Messrs. Rives and Robertson—2.

The same committee ascertained the joint vote, and Mr. PRINCE reported that vote to be:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	150
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	76
Charles W. Russell received	-	-	59
Allen T. Caperton	-	-	64
Walter Preston	-	-	24
Scattering,	-	-	3

There being no election, the name of *Walter Preston* was dropped under the rule.

Mr. RICHARDSON renominated *Walter Preston*.

Ordered, that Mr. RICHARDSON inform the senate thereof.

The roll was again called, with the following result :

For Charles W. Russell—Messrs. Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bradford, Carter, Cazenove, Daniel, Edmunds, Fleming, Fletcher, Fry, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Johnson, Kaufman, Laidley, Lundy, Lynn, Mallory, A. W. McDonald, Minor, Murdaugh, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Robinson, Sherrard, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Ward, West, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Worsham and Wynne—40.

For Allen T. Caperton—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Eggleston, Evans, Flood, Forbes, Garrison, Harrison, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Lively, Lockridge, Magruder, Mathews, Mayo, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Vaden, Williams and Wright—46.

For Walter Preston—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Bailey, Bayse, Clarke, Davis, Dunn, Ewing, Fulton, George, Grattan, Kyle, McCamant, Richardson, Shannon, Staples, Walker and Woolfolk—17.

For William C. Rives—Messrs. Rives and Robertson—2.

For William F. Gordon, jr.—Mr. Carpenter—1.

The same committee ascertained the joint vote, and Mr. FORBES reported that vote to be :

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	145
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	73
Charles W. Russell received	-	-	57
Allen T. Caperton	"	-	64
Walter Preston	"	-	21
Scattering,	-	-	3

There being no election, the name of *Walter Preston* was dropped under the rule.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY,

Resolved, that the house will, with the concurrence of the senate, postpone the further execution of the joint order until 5 o'clock this evening.

Ordered, that Mr. MALLORY carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. ARMSTRONG, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had concurred in the resolution.

The chair was then vacated until 5 o'clock.

————— EVENING SESSION.

At 5 o'clock the SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The roll was again called, with the following result :

For Charles W. Russell—Messrs. Baskerville, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Bradford, Carter, Cazenove, Daniel, Edmunds, Fleming, Fletcher, Fry, Gatewood, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, Lynn, Mallory, A. W. McDonald, Minor, Murdaugh, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Sherrard, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Ward, West, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Worsham—42.

For Allen T. Caperton—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Barbour, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Eggleston, Evans, Flood, Forbes, Fulton, Garrison, Harrison, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Lively, Lockridge, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Powell,

Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Vaden, Walker, Williams, Wright and Wynne—56.

For *Walter Preston*—Messrs. Clarke, Dunn, Ewing, J. H. Hopkins, McCamant, Woolfolk and Shannon—7.

For *John B. Floyd*—Mr. George—1.

The same committee ascertained the joint vote, and Mr. ANDERSON reported that vote to be :

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	148
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	75
Charles W. Russell received	-	-	63
Allen T. Caperton	"	-	74
Scattering,	-	-	11

There being no election, Mr. WARD nominated *John B. Floyd*.

Ordered, that Mr. WARD inform the senate thereof.

The roll was again called, with the following result :

For *Charles W. Russell*—Messrs. Bass, Booton, Bradford, Carter, Cazenove, Daniel, Edmunds, Fleming, Fry, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Johnson, Kaufman, Laidley, Lundy, Mallory, A. W. McDonald, Minor, Murdaugh, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Robinson, Sherrard, Thomas, Tredway, West, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Worsham—34.

For *Allen T. Caperton*—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Eggleston, Evans, Flood, Forbes, Fulton, Garrison, Harrison, James, Jones, Jordan, Lively, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Vaden, Walker, Williams and Wright—49.

For *John B. Floyd*—Messrs. Barbour, Baskervill, Bayse, Bigger, Clarke, Dunn, Ewing, Fletcher, George, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, Kyle, Lockridge, Lynn, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, W. G. T. Nelson, Richardson, Shannon, Thrash, Ward, Woolfolk and Wynne—24.

The same committee ascertained the joint vote, and Mr. PRINCE reported that vote to be :

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	149
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	75
Charles W. Russell received	-	-	51
Allen T. Caperton	"	-	67
John B. Floyd,	"	-	31

There being no election, the name of *John B. Floyd* was dropped under the rule.

Mr. GRATTAN nominated *John Randolph Tucker*.

Ordered, that Mr. GRATTAN inform the senate thereof.

The roll was again called, with the following result :

For *Charles W. Russell*—Messrs. Baskervill, Bass, Daniel, Edmunds, Fleming, Fry, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, Johnson, Kaufman, Laidley, Lundy, Mallory, Murdaugh, Noland, West, S. M. Wilson and Worsham—19.

For *Allen T. Caperton*—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Barbour, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Flood, Forbes, Fulton, Garrison, Harrison, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Lively, Lockridge, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Tredway, Vaden, Walker, Williams, Wright and Wynne—55.

For *John Randolph Tucker*—Messrs. Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Bradford, Carpenter, Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Dunn, Fletcher, George, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Kyle, Lynn, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Minor, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Richardson, Robinson, Shannon, Sherrard, Thomas, Thrash, Ward, J. L. Wilson and Woolfolk—32.

For *W. R. Staples*—Mr. F. T. Anderson—1.

The same committee ascertained the joint vote, and Mr. ANDERSON reported that vote to be :

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	149
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	75
Charles W. Russell received	-	-	34
Allen T. Caperton	-	-	74
John Randolph Tucker	-	-	33
Scattering,	-	-	8

There being no election, the name of *John Randolph Tucker* was dropped under the rule.

Mr. WORSHAM renominated *John Randolph Tucker*.

Ordered, that Mr. WORSHAM inform the senate thereof.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. COLLIER, who informed the house of delegates that the name of *James Marshall* of Frederick had been added to the list of nominations.

The roll was again called, with the following result :

For Allen T. Caperton—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Eggleston, Evans, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Fulton, Garrison, Gilmer, Harrison, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Lively, Lockridge, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Powell, Princee, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Tredway, Vaden, Walker, Williams, Wright and Wynne—58.

For Charles W. Russell—Messrs. Booton, Edmunds, Green, Johnson, Kaufman, Laidley, Lundy, Mallory, Murdaugh, West and S. M. Wilson—11.

For John Randolph Tucker—Messrs. Baskervill, Bayse, Bigger, Bradford, Carpenter, Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Daniel, Dunn, Ewing, Fletcher, Fry, Gatewood, George, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Kyle, Lynn, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Minor, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Riehardson, Robinson, Shannon, Sherrard, Thomas, Thrash, Ward, J. L. Wilson, Woolfolk and Worsham—37.

For John B. Floyd—Mr. I. E. McDonald—1.

The same committee ascertained the joint vote, and Mr. ANDERSON reported that vote to be :

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	148
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	75
Allen T. Caperton received	-	-	78
Charles W. Russell	-	-	23
John Randolph Tucker	-	-	38
Scattering,	-	-	1

Allen T. Caperton, Esq., having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast, was declared duly elected to fill the vacancy in the Confederate States senate, created by the death of the Hon. William Ballard Preston.

On motion of Mr. SAUNDERS of Campbell, the house adjourned until Monday, 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Peterkin of the Episcopal church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Jan. 17, 1863.

The senate have agreed to the joint resolution from the house of delegates for the election of a general agent and storekeeper of the penitentiary.

And they have unanimously adopted a joint resolution expressive of the high appreciation of the general assembly of the patriotic fortitude and devotion displayed by the women of Virginia, from the commencement of the present war, and proposing that a suitable monument should be erected to commemorate their many virtues.

In which they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

A joint resolution expressing the high appreciation of the general assembly of the patriotic fortitude and devotion displayed by the women of Virginia, from the commencement of the present war, and proposing that a suitable monument should be erected to commemorate their many virtues, was taken up, and on motion, referred to the committee on military affairs.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the committee on military affairs, presented the following bill:

No. 46. A bill to provide hospital accommodations for the sick and wounded soldiers of this state, and depots for clothing for the troops in the field.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. ARMSTRONG, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a bill entitled an act to enlarge the power of special terms of circuit courts in certain cases, No. 4.

On motion of Mr. NELSON of Fluvanna,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill giving to the sheriff of Fluvanna further time to execute his official bond.

Mr. MAGRUDER presented the petition of S. Leterman & Brother of Charlottesville, complaining of loss by impressment, and praying the passage of some act to indemnify them for their loss, and to provide a just mode of assessing the value of all articles impressed by the government hereafter; which, on his motion, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. SAUNDERS of Franklin, the resolution heretofore submitted by him, and laid on the table, in regard to impressments, was taken up.

Mr. ROBERTSON moved to amend the resolution, by offering a substitute therefor. Pending the consideration whereof, the resolution and substitute were, on motion of Mr. JAMES, referred to the committee on confederate relations.

Under the resolution heretofore agreed to, adding to the standing committees of this house a committee on confederate relations, the

SPEAKER announced the following committee, viz: Messrs. Newton, Rives, Robertson, Edmunds, Hunter, Barbour, Grattan, Saunders of Campbell, Dabney, Bass, McCamant, Eggleston and Lockridge.

On motion of Mr. BASS,

Resolved, that the doorkeepers and pages of this house, under the superintendence of the clerk, be instructed to ascertain what documents, reports, &c. are due to each member of this house, and distribute the same, by placing them on the desks of members present; and for such members as may be absent, to place their documents in some safe place, to be distributed in like manner when they shall be present.

Mr. LUNDY submitted the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas it is deemed of the utmost importance, during the pendency of the war, that the strictest justice should prevail in the impressment of private property: and whereas it has been represented that in many instances improper and unjust impressments have been made by officers of the confederate government: Therefore,

Resolved by the general assembly of Virginia, that our senators be instructed and our representatives be requested to use their influence to procure the passage of a law by the congress of the Confederate States, regulating the subject of impressments, so that protection may be offered the property of citizens of Virginia.

Which were referred to the committee on confederate relations.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR,

Resolved, that the committee on confederate relations be instructed to consider what action ought to be taken by the general assembly, in order to secure to the citizens of this commonwealth compensation for fuel and supplies which have been used by the Confederate States army, without compensation and without any such certificate as will enable them to obtain compensation from the Confederate States government.

No. 40. A bill to limit the production of tobacco and increase the production of grain, was taken up, on motion of Mr. BOULDIN.

Mr. LYNN moved to amend the bill, by striking out in the fifth line, first section, the word "five," and inserting "one."

Mr. CAZENOVE moved an amendment to the amendment, by striking out the word "one," and inserting the word "three." Pending the consideration whereof,

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON, the house adjourned until tomorrow, 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Peterkin of the Episcopal church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Jan. 19, 1863.

The senate have passed a bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact

section 22 of chapter 108 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, No. 27.

And they have agreed to a resolution concerning an increase of the per diem of members of the general assembly.

In which bill and resolution they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 27. A senate bill to amend and re-enact section 22 of chapter 108 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, was read a first and second times, and referred to the committee for courts of justice.

A resolution concerning an increase in the per diem of the general assembly, was taken up and agreed to.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

Mr. HUNTER, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following reports:

An adverse report of the committee for courts of justice, as to the expediency of giving the sheriff of Fluvanna county further time to execute his official bond.

On motion of Mr. McCAMANT,

Resolved, that a committee of seven be appointed to enquire into the most expedient means of providing an adequate supply of salt.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee, under the resolution: Messrs. Barbour, McCamant, Magruder, Baskervill, Prince, Anderson of Rockbridge, and Hopkins of Rockingham.

On motion of Mr. McCAMANT,

Resolved, that the committee on salt enquire into the expediency of so amending the act of the 1st October 1862, as to provide for the increased production of salt, and for its distribution.

On motion of Mr. JAMES,

Resolved, that the committee of privileges and elections enquire whether any further legislation is necessary to enable the Virginia soldiers to vote for various officers to be elected at the general election in May next.

On motion of Mr. LIVELY,

Resolved, that the committee on finance take into consideration the propriety of repealing the 81st section of the act imposing taxes for the support of government, passed 27th March 1862, so that the sheriffs and commissioners of the revenue of the commonwealth of Virginia shall receive the same compensation as if said act had never passed.

Mr. TREDWAY submitted the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, Adjutant General Richardson, under the command of the governor of Virginia, has published official notice that "claims for exemption" from military service, "upon the ground that parties have furnished substitutes, are not to be admitted until the question has been decided by the courts:" And whereas, the right of many citizens to exemption is hereby endangered, and, under a general suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, might be unjustly destroyed: Therefore,

Resolved, that the said published notice be referred to the committee for courts of justice, with instructions to enquire whether

any, and if any, what legislation is necessary to protect the citizens referred to.

On motion of Mr. JAMES,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of changing the time for holding the courts of the fourteenth judicial circuit of this commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. KYLE,

Resolved, that the committee on agriculture and manufactures enquire into the expediency of incorporating the Chestnut creek copper mining company.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication of Robert M. Nimmo; which was read, and on motion, laid on the table.

The joint order of the day for the election of general agent and storekeeper for the penitentiary, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the failure of Robert M. Nimmo to qualify as such, was taken up and read.

Mr. BIGGER submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that the joint order which has for its object the election of general agent and storekeeper for the penitentiary, be postponed until the 2d day of February 1863; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. MALLORY nominated *John Knot* of Ohio county.

Ordered, that Mr. MALLORY inform the senate that the house of delegates was ready on their part to proceed with the execution of the joint order, and that *John Knot* was in nomination.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. NEWMAN, who informed the house of delegates that the senate were ready on their part to proceed with the execution of the joint order, and that no other nomination had been made by that body.

The roll was then called, with the following result:

For *John Knot*—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Bass, Bayse, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Burks, Carpenter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Crockett, Davis, Dunn, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Grattan, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, Mathews, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannan, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, S. M. Wilson, Worsham and Wynne—77.

For *Cecil Bass*—Messrs. Cecil, George and James—3.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee to meet a committee on the part of the senate, and count the joint vote, viz: Messrs. Mallory, Bigger, Fleming, Worsham, Lively, Cecil and James, who, having performed that duty, subsequently reported by their chairman Mr. MALLORY, as follows:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	118
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	60
John Knot received	-	-	115
Scattering,	-	-	3

John Knot, Esq. having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast, was declared duly elected general agent and storekeeper

for the penitentiary, to fill the unexpired term rendered vacant by the failure of *Robert M. Nimmo* to qualify and give bond as required by law—said unexpired term commencing on the 2d day of January 1863, and ending on the 2d day of January 1865.

On motion of Mr. McDONALD of Wyoming,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill obligating the state of Virginia to pay her soldiers in the confederate army the difference between what the Confederate States pay them and fifteen dollars per month, so as to make their wages amount to fifteen dollars per month, and also increase the pay of the soldiers in the state line, so that they shall receive the same amount.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, enclosing a communication from Adjutant General Wm. H. Richardson, enclosing a consolidated return of state troops under the command of Major General John B. Floyd; which, on motion of Mr. PRINCE, were laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 12.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a further communication from the governor, enclosing a letter from the Hon. A. R. Boteler and the proclamation of Brig. Gen. Milroy.

Mr. BOULDIN submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that the communication of the governor just read, with the accompanying documents, be referred to the committee for courts of justice, and that said communication and accompanying documents be printed for the use of this house. Doc. No. 13.

The unfinished business of yesterday, being

No. 40. A bill to limit the production of tobacco and increase the production of grain, was taken up; and the question being on agreeing to the amendment to the amendment, which was to strike out "one," and insert "three," Mr. GRATTAN demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment as amended, Mr. GRATTAN demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative.

Mr. CAZENOVE moved to amend the bill, by striking out "five," and inserting "four."

Mr. COLEMAN moved to amend the amendment, by striking out "four," and inserting "six;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. TREDWAY moved to amend the bill, by striking out in the first section, "between the ages of fourteen and sixty-five years." Pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. CAZENOVE, the house adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Peterkin of the Episcopal church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows :

IN SENATE, Jan. 20, 1863.

The senate have receded from their second amendment to house bill entitled :

An act to refund money received for exemption from military duty, No. 33.

Mr. BOULDIN, from the committee on finance, presented an adverse report to a petition of William H. Howe, asking to have refunded the sum of \$114 50, paid by him as a license tax.

The following bills were read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time :

No. 42. A bill incorporating the Confederate express company.

No. 43. A bill to amend certain provisions of an act entitled an act incorporating a company to establish a turnpike road from the town of Manchester to the town of Petersburg, and to amend certain provisions of subsequent acts relating to the same company.

No. 46. A bill to provide hospitals for the sick and wounded soldiers of this state, and depots for clothing for the troops in the field.

The unfinished business of yesterday, being

No. 40. A bill to limit the production of tobacco and increase the production of grain, was taken up.

Mr. TREDWAY, by leave of the house, withdrew the pending amendment.

Mr. TREDWAY submitted the following amendment to the first section :

Add at the end thereof the following : " provided, that it shall be lawful for any planter to plant a crop of ten thousand hills ;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The bill was then further amended, and as amended, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

On motion of Mr. McCAMANT,

Resolved, that (with the consent of the senate) the joint committee appointed at the called session of the general assembly, on the subject of providing an adequate supply of salt, be revived.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. McCAMANT,

Resolved, that leave be given to withdraw from the files of this house, the petition of G. G. M. Leonard and others, praying compensation as musicians in the 78th regiment, and that the same be referred to the committee on military affairs.

On motion of Mr. BURKS,

Resolved, that so much of the governor's message and accompanying documents as relates to the subject of salt, be referred to the

committee on salt, and that said committee enquire into the expediency of ratifying the conditional contract of the governor with Scott, Palmer & Co. for four hundred thousand bushels of salt, to be delivered between the first day of March 1863 and the first day of October 1863.

On motion of Mr. McDONALD of Wyoming,

Resolved, that the committee on agriculture and manufactures enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to prevent the killing of sheep for mutton.

On motion of Mr. CECIL,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the payment of the enrolling officers of the militia, under the call of the governor in August last.

On motion of Mr. LIVELY,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the propriety of amending the stay law, so that it shall only apply to those who are in the state or confederate service, or are refugees driven from home by the presence of the enemy.

On motion of Mr. BRADFORD,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of reducing the commissions of the penitentiary storekeeper.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Resolved, that so much of the governor's message as relates to the state penitentiary, be referred to the joint committee on the penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. EGGLESTON,

Resolved, that the committee on banks enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill authorizing the branch Bank of the Old Dominion at Pearisburg to declare dividends.

On motion of Mr. MARYE,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill legalizing all such acts and things done by the county court of Spotsylvania county, at the sessions of said court held at places other than the courthouse of said county, during the year 1862, provided such acts were such as it would have been competent for said court to do at sessions thereof held at said courthouse.

No. 20. An engrossed bill for the relief of the securities of William Paris, late sheriff of Appomattox county, was read a third time, and on motion of Mr. JONES, laid on the table.

No. 45. A bill to authorize town councils and county courts to condemn lands for hospital purposes, was taken up and read a third time.

Mr. BURKS submitted a ryder to the bill; which was read a first and second times, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, that Mr. MAGRUDER carry the same to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence therein.

No. 37. A bill to incorporate the Southern female college of Pe-

tersburg, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Mr. HARRISON, from a special committee, to whom had been referred certain resolutions in relation to making the notes issued by the Confederate States a legal tender, presented the following joint resolution :

Resolved, that in the opinion of the general assembly of Virginia, the congress of the Confederate States have the power, and should at once make the notes issued by the Confederate States a legal tender in payment of debts ; and our senators are instructed and our representatives are requested to procure the passage of a law to that effect.

On motion of Mr. HUNTER, the report of the committee was laid on the table, and made the order of the day for to-morrow at 1 o'clock.

No. 27. A bill to prevent extortion, was taken up, on motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, and on his motion, laid on the table, and made the order of the day for Wednesday next at 1 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Peterkin of the Episcopal church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows :

IN SENATE, January 21, 1863.

The senate have passed a bill entitled :

An act to amend the twelfth section of chapter ten of the Code of Virginia, so as to extend the time for filing complaint in cases of contested elections, No. 28.

In which they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 28. A bill entitled an act to amend the twelfth section of chapter ten of the Code of Virginia, so as to extend the time for filing complaint in cases of contested elections, was taken up, read a first and second times, and referred to the committee of privileges and elections.

On motion of Mr. BAKER,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill appropriating a sum of money for the relief of the troops of this state in the confederate service, who come from parts of the state now in the hands of the enemy.

No. 40. An engrossed bill to limit the production of tobacco and increase the production of grain, was taken up, on motion of Mr. BOULDIN, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. BOULDIN carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence therein.

No. 37. An engrossed bill to incorporate the Southern female college of the city of Petersburg, was taken up, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. NEWTON, from the committee on confederate relations, presented a report on the subject of impressments; which, on his motion, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 14.

Mr. PRINCE presented the petition of Matthew Harris of Southampton, asking to have a sum of money refunded; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on finance.

The following bill was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time:

No. 38. A bill for the relief of the clerk of the hustings court of the city of Richmond.

The following bills were read a second time, and on motions severally made, laid on the table:

No. 39. A bill amending and re-enacting the 2d section of an act entitled an act to repeal the fence law of Virginia as to certain counties, and to authorize the county courts to dispense with enclosures in other counties, passed October 3, 1862.

No. 41. A bill authorizing the branch of the Exchange Bank of Virginia at Richmond to declare a dividend.

The following reports were taken up and concurred in:

An adverse report of the committee for courts of justice to the prayer of the petition of Wm. H. Neighbours of Wythe county.

An adverse report of the committee for courts of justice as to the expediency of giving the sheriff of Fluvanna county further time to execute his official bond.

An adverse report of the committee on finance to a petition of Wm. H. Howe, asking to have refunded the sum of \$114 50, paid by him as a license tax.

No. 17. A senate bill entitled an act to change the time of holding the next general election for members of the general assembly, was taken up, and on motion of Mr. MALLORY, indefinitely postponed.

The resolution heretofore reported in relation to making confederate notes a legal tender, being the order of the day, was taken up, and on motion of Mr. HARRISON, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. HARRISON,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of allowing to Thomas Littleton, jailor of Loudoun, the amount of his account for keeping criminals confined in his jail.

On motion of Mr. LOCKRIDGE,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice take into consideration the propriety of repealing an act passed December 6, 1861, in regard to free negroes confined in the penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER,

Resolved, that the committee on confederate relations enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill repealing or modifying the 1st, 2d,

3d, 4th and 5th sections of chapter 115 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, which now authorizes aliens to take and dispose of land.

On motion of Mr. SAUNDERS of Franklin,

Resolved, that the clerk be instructed to have the act entitled an act to refund money paid for exemption, published in two of the city papers.

Mr. HOPKINS of Rockingham presented the petition of citizens of the county of Rockingham, asking that that county be exempted from furnishing slaves to work on fortifications; which was read, and on motion of Mr. HUNTER, laid on the table.

Mr. HOPKINS of Rockingham presented the petition of Peter Hensberger, asking to have an erroneous assessment of lands corrected; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. TREDWAY presented the petition of John H. Gilmer, counsel, &c., for redress of grievances under a recent order of the governor of Virginia in relation to substitutes; which was ordered to be referred to the committee for courts of justice.

On motion of Mr. HARRISON,

Resolved, that the committee on confederate relations take into consideration the power claimed or exercised by provost marshals in arresting and impressing citizens of this commonwealth, and in seizing their property; and that they enquire into the expediency of passing some law restraining these officials within the bounds of their proper duties.

No. 39. A bill amending and re-enacting the 2d section of an act entitled an act to repeal the fence law of Virginia as to certain counties, and to authorize the county courts to dispense with enclosures in other counties, passed October 3, 1862, was taken up, on motion of Mr. HOPKINS, and read a second time.

Mr. HOPKINS submitted an amendment; which was agreed to.

Mr. FLEMING, by way of amendment, submitted a substitute to the bill. Pending the consideration of which, on motion of Mr. MAYO, the bill and amendment were laid on the table.

No. 41. A bill authorizing the branch of the Exchange Bank of Virginia at Richmond to declare a dividend, was taken up and read a second time, and on motion of Mr. DAVIS, referred to the committee on banks.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Peterkin of the Episcopal church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Jan. 22, 1863.

The senate have agreed to the joint resolution from the house of delegates reviving the joint committee on salt.

Mr. HUNTER, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bill :

No. 47. A bill to amend and re-enact an act passed October 3, 1862, entitled an act to further provide for the public defence.

Mr. KAUFMAN, from the committee of propositions and grievances, to whom had been referred

No. 12. A senate bill entitled an act to enlarge the powers of the common council of the city of Richmond, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. KAUFMAN, from the same committee, presented the following bill :

No. 48. A bill to incorporate the Prospect tan-yard company in the county of Prince Edward.

Mr. NEWTON, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill :

No. 49. A bill authorizing the issue of treasury notes of a less denomination than one dollar.

Mr. CARPENTER, from the committee of roads and internal navigation, presented the following bill :

No. 50. A bill to authorize the board of public works to transfer the Southwestern turnpike to the counties in which it lies.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the committee on military affairs, to whom had been referred a resolution enquiring into the expediency of increasing the pay of the soldiers of the state line, presented a report, with a resolution that it is inexpedient to legislate upon the subject.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the same committee, presented the following resolutions ; which were agreed to :

Resolved, that the governor be respectfully requested to communicate to this house any correspondence between himself and the president of the United States, touching the terms upon which exchanges may be made of prisoners captured by the state troops of Virginia, as referred to in his message of January 1863.

That he also inform this house whether Captain Duskey, Lieut. Vanner and Col. Zarvona have been commissioned by him ; and if so, when and under what law or ordinance such commissions were issued, and in what branch of the state service they were employed when captured by the enemy.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, enclosing a report of the board of visitors of the Virginia military institute, accompanied by the semi-annual report of the superintendent ; which was read, and on motion of Mr. BURKS, the message and accompanying documents were referred to the committee of schools and colleges, and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 15.

No. 23. A senate bill entitled an act concerning officers of the state who have taken an oath to support an usurped government within the limits of this state, was taken up, on motion of Mr. GARRISON, and read a second time, and on motion of Mr. GREEN, was referred to the committee for courts of justice.

On motion of Mr. THOMAS,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of providing for the payment of the assessed value of a slave, the property of B. B. & J. W. Cooley, condemned to be hung, but who died before the sentence was executed.

On motion of Mr. THOMAS,

Resolved, that so much of the governor's message as refers to the proper mode of disposing of the infant children of female convicts, be referred to the committee on finance.

On motion of Mr. McDONALD of Wyoming,

Resolved, that leave be granted to withdraw the petition of Gen'l Alfred Beckley, commanding the 27th brigade of the militia of Virginia, from the files of this house.

On motion of Mr. STAPLES,

Resolved, that the committee on confederate relations consider what legislation is necessary to protect the citizens of this commonwealth from unauthorized arrests and imprisonment by confederate officers, under the pretext of enforcing the conscript law and arresting deserters, and report to this house by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. McCAMANT,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of so amending the laws concerning western land titles, as will more effectually protect the right of loyal citizens of this commonwealth against the claims of alien enemies.

Mr. RICHARDSON submitted the following resolution, which being objected to, was laid over under the rule:

Resolved, that when this house adjourns to-day, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg presented the petition of F. Woltz, clerk of Botetourt, A. A. Arthur, clerk of Bedford, J. C. Didlake, clerk of the hustings court at Lynchburg, John D. Alexander, clerk of Campbell, and George T. Peers, clerk of Appomattox, praying an increase of fees and compensation for public services; which was ordered to be referred to the committee for courts of justice.

The resolutions heretofore reported from the committee on confederate relations, in relation to impressments, were taken up, on motion of Mr. NEWTON.

The first resolution of the committee reads as follows:

"Resolved, 1st, that the power of impressment to the extent necessary to the support and operation of our armies, is possessed by the confederate and state governments, in a state of war, but should be regulated by law."

Mr. BURKS moved to strike out the words "but should be regulated by law," and to insert "but no officer or agent of either of said governments can rightfully exercise such power, except by authority of law."

Mr. McCAMANT moved a division of the question; which was agreed to by the house; and the question being on agreeing to the first branch of the amendment, which was to strike out the words "but should be regulated by law," Mr WEST demanded the previous

question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 37, noes 34.

On motion of Mr. BURKS, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Burks, Carter, Cecil, Coleman, Daniel, Dunn, Eggleston, Fletcher, Flood, Fry, Fulton, George, Grattan, Green, Harrison, Jordan, Lively, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, Montague, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Shannon, Staples, F. G. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Walker, Ward and Woodhouse—37.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, Baker, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Bradford, Carpenter, Coffman, Crockett, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Mayo, McCamant, McKinney, McLaughlin, Newton, Noland, Robertson, Rowan, Sherrard, West, Williams, S. M. Wilson and Worsham—34.

Mr. ROBERTSON moved to amend the amendment, by inserting at the end thereof the following: "or except in cases of extreme emergency." And the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. TAYLOR demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 20, noes 54.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, Baker, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Bradford, Crockett, Daniel, Gilmer, Hunter, Jones, Lockridge, McCamant, McKinney, Newton, Noland, Robertson, West, S. M. Wilson and Worsham—20.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Burks, Carpenter, Carter, Cecil, Coffman, Coleman, Dunn, Eggleston, Ewing, Fletcher, Flood, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Grattan, Green, Harrison, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, Pitman, Powell, Reid, Richardson, Robinson, Rowan, P. Saunders, Shannon, Staples, F. G. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Walker, Ward, Williams and Woodhouse—54.

The question being on agreeing to the second branch of the amendment, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 59, noes 16.

On motion of Mr. BURKS, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Bradford, Burks, Carpenter, Carter, Cecil, Coffman, Coleman, Daniel, Dunn, Eggleston, Ewing, Fletcher, Flood, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, George, Grattan, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, Pitman, Powell, Reid, Richardson, Rowan, P. Saunders, Shannon, Staples, F. G. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Walker, Ward, Williams and Woodhouse—59.

NOES—Messrs. Baker, Crockett, Garrison, Gilmer, Hunter, Jones, Lockridge, McCamant, McKinney, Newton, Noland, Robertson, Robinson, Ward, S. M. Wilson and Worsham—16.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution as amended, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th resolutions were then agreed to, by votes severally taken.

The resolutions as amended are as follows:

"Resolved—1st. That the power of impressment, to the extent necessary to the support and operation of our armies, is possessed by the confederate and state governments, in a state of war, but no officer or agent of either of said governments, can rightfully exercise such power, except by authority of law.

2d. That, except in the extremest exigency, it should not be exerted so as to deprive the citizen of that reasonable amount of his provisions, forage, labor or other property, which may be required for the support or uses of his family.

3d. That it is desirable that all property needed for public uses, should be purchased at agreed prices, and that prices proposed to be given by government, should be promulgated as extensively as possible.

4th. That the arbitrary and final fixing, by the government and its agents, of the prices of commodities and labor needed for public use, would place the interest of the citizen at the mercy of the government, and is in derogation of his most sacred rights.

5th. That a like unrestrained right of fixing the prices of their commodities or other property, by the citizen, would place the government at the mercy of individuals, and involve the most serious losses, if not risk, indeed, public bankruptcy.

6th. Therefore, an indifferent party, to protect the government against extortion, and the citizen against oppression, should be interposed: and the general assembly of Virginia recommend to congress to consider whether the county courts might not be constituted a fit tribunal to guard alike public and private interests, and whether authority should not be given them, to that end, to certify the value, at the place where taken in their respective counties, of property, not taken at agreed prices, on receipts to be given therefor by impressing officers."

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill authorizing sheriffs to proceed to collect tax tickets remaining in their hands uncollected, and barred by law by reason of the presence of the enemy; and further to enquire into the expediency of conferring on John A. Park, late sheriff of Mercer county, power to collect all such public dues as may remain uncollected as aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. TREDWAY,

Resolved, that the committee of schools and colleges enquire into the expediency of providing out of the literary fund for the education of indigent young men disabled by wounds in battle during the pending war.

Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt presented the petition of Ferdinand Woltz and Jacob A. Haney, praying to have refunded to them severally the amount of a license tax; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on finance.

On motion of Mr. GRATTAN, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Peterkin of the Episcopal church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, JAN. 23, 1863.

The senate have passed a bill entitled an act allowing Sarah T. Thornton to remove certain slaves from this state to the state of North Carolina, No. 24.

And they have agreed to a joint resolution in relation to Lieut. E. S. Gay of the public guard.

In which bill and resolution they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 24. A senate bill entitled an act allowing Sarah T. Thornton to remove certain slaves from this state to the state of North Carolina, was taken up, read a first and second times, and referred to the committee for courts of justice.

The joint resolution in relation to Lieut. E. S. Gay of the public guard, was taken up.

Mr. WYNNE submitted an amendment thereto. Pending the consideration whereof, the resolution and amendment were referred to the committee on military affairs.

Mr. HUNTER, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bill:—

No. 51. A bill to provide for the discharge from active military service of persons who have furnished substitutes.

Mr. HUNTER, from the same committee, to whom had been referred

No. 27. A senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 22 of chapter 108 of the Code of 1860, reported the same without amendment.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, relative to reprieves, pardons, &c.; which, on motion, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 7.

On motion of Mr. GEORGE,

Resolved, that leave be granted to withdraw from the files of this house, bill 24 of the session of 1861–2, and that the same be referred to the committee on military affairs.

On motion of Mr. DUNN,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 127, section 12 of the Code of Virginia, as to allow guardians to invest the funds of their wards in confederate or state bonds during the existing war.

On motion of Mr. HUNTER,

Resolved, that the clerk of this house be authorized and directed to procure and keep in the hall, for the use of the members, six copies of the Code of Virginia, of the edition of 1860.

Mr. VADEN submitted the following preamble and resolution; which, on motion, were indefinitely postponed:

The general assembly of Virginia being thoroughly convinced that

the monthly pay of the rank and file of our armies is inadequate and unjust, and that the country desires and expects congress to do something for those charged with the common defence: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the general assembly of Virginia, that our representatives in the congress of the Confederate States be requested to use their utmost efforts to procure the passage by congress of a law increasing the pay of all non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates in active service on 1st of March 1863.

Mr. JONES moved the indefinite postponement of the preamble and resolution; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. LOCKRIDGE demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

No. 12. A senate bill entitled an act to enlarge the powers of the common council of the city of Richmond, was read a third time, and on motion of Mr. WYNNE, laid on the table.

No. 27. A senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact section twenty-two of chapter one hundred and eight of the Code of Virginia, edition of eighteen hundred and sixty, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

No. 38. An engrossed bill for the relief of the clerk of the hustings court of the city of Richmond, was read a-third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 42. A bill incorporating the Confederate express company, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 43. A bill to amend certain provisions of an act entitled an act incorporating a company to establish a turnpike road from the town of Manchester to the town of Petersburg, and to amend certain provisions of subsequent acts relating to the same company, was read a second time, and on motion, laid on the table.

No. 46. A bill to provide hospital accommodations for the sick and wounded soldiers of this state, and depots for clothing for the troops in the field, was read a second time, and laid on the table.

The following bills were read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time:

No. 47. A bill to amend and re-enact an act passed October 3, 1862, entitled an act to further provide for the public defence.

No. 48. A bill to incorporate the Prospect tan-yard company in the county of Prince Edward.

No. 49. A bill authorizing the issue of treasury notes of a less denomination than one dollar.

No. 50. A bill to authorize the board of public works to transfer the Southwestern turnpike to the counties in which it lies.

No. 51. A bill to provide for the discharge from active military service of persons who have furnished substitutes.

On motion of Mr. CARTER, the house adjourned until Monday, 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Burrows of the Baptist church.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the committee on military affairs, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, that the governor be requested to furnish this house with a list of the names of all the company, regimental and staff officers commissioned by him in the state line, with the date of their respective commissions.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the same committee, presented a communication from Major General John B. Floyd; which, on motion, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 16.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, presented the following bills:

No. 52. A bill for the relief of Thomas Littleton, jailor of Loudon county.

No. 53. A bill authorizing the payment of interest on bonds given for the Confederate States war tax, after the day of payment.

No. 54. A bill increasing the salaries of certain officers of government.

Which said bills were subsequently read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. GILMER,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of authorizing the governor, upon the application of the court of any county or corporation in this commonwealth, to appoint a commission to impress articles of prime necessity for the use of the families of indigent soldiers in the military service of the country.

On motion of Mr. GILMER,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of adopting such legislation as may be necessary to empower the county and corporation courts to employ, for their respective counties and corporations, one or more general agents and storekeepers, for the purpose of supplying the people with commodities of prime necessity.

On motion of Mr. BAKER,

Resolved, that leave be given to withdraw from the files of this house, bill 128 of the last session, and that the same be referred to the committee on finance.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, in response to a resolution of this house in relation to correspondence between himself and the president of the United States, and conveying certain information asked for concerning Col. Zarvona and others; which was referred to the committee on military affairs, and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 17.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a further communication from the governor, transmitting a report of the board of directors of the penitentiary; which was referred to the joint committee on the penitentiary, and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 18.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a further communication from the governor, enclosing a communication from Lieut. Stannard of the engineer department provisional army C. S., transmitting a circular letter addressed to the sheriffs of the counties called upon to furnish slave labor for public defence; which was ordered to be referred to the committee for courts of justice.

No. 43. A bill to amend certain provisions of an act entitled an act incorporating a company to establish a turnpike road from the town of Manchester to the town of Petersburg, and to amend certain provisions of subsequent acts relating to the same company, was taken up, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 42. An engrossed bill incorporating the Confederate express company, was taken up, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GILMER,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill providing for the organization into companies, battalions and regiments, of all persons capable of bearing arms, between the ages of forty-five and sixty, for home defence.

Mr. GILMER presented the memorial of the people of Pittsylvania for authority for the county court to appoint agents to procure the prime necessities of life for the use of citizens; for the appointment of commissioners to impress such articles for the use of the families of indigent soldiers; and for the organization of persons not liable to conscription, into companies, &c. for home defence; which was ordered to be referred to the committee for courts of justice.

No. 39. A bill amending and re-enacting the second section of an act entitled an act to repeal the fence law of Virginia as to certain counties, and to authorize the county courts to dispense with enclosures in other counties, passed October 3, 1862, was taken up.

The pending question being on a substitute heretofore offered by Mr. FLEMING, the substitute was withdrawn by leave of the house.

Mr. VADEN moved to lay the bill on the table; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put; and it appearing that no quorum voted; Mr. WEST moved an adjournment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Aye 1, noes 70.

On motion of Mr. WEST, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYE—Mr. Richardson—1.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Bradford, Carpenter, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, Crockett, Custis, Daniel, Dunn, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, George, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Lively, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, Newton, Noland, Pitman, Reid, Rives, Robertson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Vaden, Vermillion, Walker, West, Williams, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wright—70.

The bill was then further amended, and as amended, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 51. A bill to provide for the discharge from active military service, of persons who have furnished substitutes, was taken up, amended, and as amended, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

On motion of Mr. CUSTIS,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of paying Wm. H. Pierce, an officer of the Eastern lunatic asylum, the sum of dollars, due to him for his services; also to pay E. H. Lively the sum of dollars, for hire of slave for the year 1862.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending an act entitled an act to improve the navigation of New river, passed on the 18th day of December 1861, as to empower the board of public works to impress negro labor when it shall be found necessary for the completion of said improvement.

On motion of Mr. STAPLES,

Resolved, that the governor be requested to furnish this house information as to the number of militia brought into active service by his proclamation which was issued for that purpose in the spring of 1862; how long said force remained in service as militia; whether they have received any pay for such service; and if not, whether any arrangement has been made with the confederate government for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. ROWAN, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Burrows of the Baptist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Jan. 26, 1863.

The senate have passed house bill entitled:

An act to authorize town councils and county courts to condemn land for hospital purposes, No. 45.

And they have passed, with an amendment, house bill entitled:

An act to incorporate the Southern female college of the city of Petersburg, No. 37.

In which amendment they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The amendment proposed by the senate to house bill No. 37, entitled an act to incorporate the Southern female college of the city of Petersburg, was taken up and concurred in.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bills:

No. 55. A bill to provide for the appointment of general agents and storekeepers for counties and corporations.

No. 56. A bill changing the times of holding the circuit courts of the fourteenth judicial circuit.

Which said bills were subsequently read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the same committee, to whom had been referred

No. 24. A senate bill entitled an act allowing Sarah T. Thornton to remove certain slaves from this state to the state of North Carolina, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the same committee, presented an adverse report to a resolution enquiring into the expediency of exempting from seizure or sale under execution, one slave in every family.

Mr. KYLE, from the committee of privileges and elections, to whom had been referred

No. 28. A senate bill entitled an act to amend the 12th section of chapter 10 of the Code of Virginia, so as to extend the time for filing complaint in cases of contested elections, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. ROBERTSON, from the committee on banks, reported the following bill:

No. 57. A bill authorizing the Bank of Rockingham to increase its contingent fund.

Which said bill was subsequently read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Mr. ROBERTSON, from the same committee, to whom had been re-committed

No. 41. A bill authorizing the branch of the Exchange Bank of Virginia at Richmond to declare a dividend, reported the same without amendment.

On motion of Mr. HUNTER,

Resolved, that the committee on confederate relations take into consideration and report their opinion upon the subject matter of each of the following enquiries, to wit:

1. Would it be right and proper, in respect to our general political system, or upon the score of expediency, or upon any other ground, for the commonwealth of Virginia to take charge of, for the purpose of prosecution under the state laws, any prisoners, either officers or soldiers, captured during the present war by the confederate government?

2. Is it within the competency of the government of Virginia, in the absence of specific legislation on the subject, to receive such prisoners, and take the necessary measures to have them prosecuted under the state laws?

3. Can the civil magistrates of the commonwealth so receive and deal with such prisoners; and would it be expedient for them so to do?

4. Is it within the constitutional competency of the governor of

this commonwealth to enter into any cartel for the exchange of prisoners with the government of the United States?

On motion of Mr. BUFORD,

Resolved, that the committee on agriculture and manufactures be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing an additional inspection of tobacco in the town of Danville.

On motion of Mr. DUNN,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs enquire into the expediency of enrolling all free negroes in this commonwealth, both male and female, between the ages of 16 and 40 years, to be employed as teamsters, laborers, cooks, &c. in the military departments of the state.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of imposing penalties on justices, when summoned to attend and act as members of courts, for failing or neglecting to do so.

On motion of Mr. GILMER,

Resolved, that the special committee on the distribution of salt enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill providing for the appointment of one or more inspectors of salt.

The following engrossed bill was read a third time and passed:

No. 51. An engrossed bill to provide for the discharge from active military service, of persons who have furnished substitutes.

Ordered, that Mr. TREDWAY carry the same to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence.

The following engrossed bills were read a third time and passed:

No. 39. An engrossed bill amending and re-enacting the first and second sections of an act entitled an act to repeal the fence law of Virginia as to certain counties, and to authorize the county courts to dispense with enclosures in other counties, passed October 3, 1862, and to legalize the action of county courts held under said law.

No. 43. An engrossed bill to amend certain provisions of an act entitled an act incorporating a company to establish a turnpike road from the town of Manchester to the city of Petersburg, and to amend certain provisions of subsequent acts relating to the same company.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence therein.

The following senate bills were read a third time and passed:

No. 24. A senate bill entitled an act allowing Sarah T. Thornton to remove certain slaves from this state to the state of North Carolina.

No. 28. A senate bill entitled an act to amend the twelfth section of chapter ten of the Code of Virginia, so as to extend the time for filing complaint in cases of contested elections.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. QUESENBERRY, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had adopted a resolution to authorize the governor to suspend the law of the 3d of October 1862, to further provide for the public defence, so far as it applies to those counties whose loss of slaves has been so great as to interfere with the agricultural products of said counties.

On motion of Mr. HUNTER, the resolution was taken up and concurred in.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. KAUFMAN, the special committee on free negroes was enlarged, by the addition of four members.

The SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen as added to the committee: Messrs. Grattan, Baskervill, Rives and Orgain.

The following bills were read a second time, and on motions severally made, laid on the table:

No. 47. A bill to amend and re-enact an act passed October 3, 1862, entitled an act to further provide for the public defence.

No. 49. A bill authorizing the issue of treasury notes of a less denomination than one dollar.

Mr. BARBOUR presented the memorial of the Orange and Alexandria rail road, relating to the connection of their road between Gordonsville and Charlottesville; which was ordered to be referred to the committee of roads and internal navigation.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg presented the petition of the mayor and other citizens of the city of Petersburg, praying the incorporation of a joint stock company, to be called the Submarine battery joint stock company (the said battery being an invention of Jabez Smith); which was ordered to be referred to the committee of propositions and grievances.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor in response to a resolution of the house adopted on yesterday, "relative to the number of militia brought into active service under the proclamation of the spring of 1862; whether they have received pay for said service; and if not, whether any arrangement has been made with the confederate government for that purpose;" which was read, and on motion of Mr. STAPLES, referred to the committee on military affairs.

No. 46. A bill to provide hospital accommodations for the sick and wounded soldiers of this state, and depots for clothing for the troops in the field, was taken up, on motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt, and on motion of Mr. BUFORD, laid on the table, and made the order of the day for Friday next at 1 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. WYNNE,

Resolved, that leave be given to withdraw from the files of the house, bills 186 and 187 of the session of 1861-62.

The following bills were read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time:

No. 48. A bill to incorporate the Prospect tan-yard company in the county of Prince Edward.

No. 50. A bill to authorize the board of public works to transfer the Southwestern turnpike to the counties in which it lies.

On motion of Mr. FLEMING, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Burrows of the Baptist church.

Mr. BAKER, from the committee of privileges and elections, presented the following resolution; which was agreed to:

Resolved, that the committee of privileges and elections be enlarged, by the addition of five members.

The SPEAKER announced the following members as added to the committee under the resolution: Messrs. Magruder, Green, Robinson, McKinney, and Saunders of Franklin.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the committee on military affairs, to whom had been referred the joint resolution in relation to Lieut. E. S. Gay of the public guard, reported the same as it came from the senate, and without the amendment heretofore adopted by the house.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the same committee, presented the following bill:

No. 58. A bill appropriating money to finish and repair the road from Tazewell courthouse to Chapmansville in Logan county.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill:

No. 59. A bill authorizing the payment of a sum of money to B. B. & J. W. Cooley, for a slave condemned to be hung.

Which said last mentioned bills were subsequently read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. FLEMING submitted the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas a large number of the counties of the commonwealth are, in whole or in part, and others may hereafter be overrun by the public enemy, so that elections cannot be held in the manner and at the time now prescribed by law: Therefore,

Be it resolved, that a select committee, consisting of seven members, be appointed to revise and amend the election laws of the commonwealth, so as to provide for such exigencies as may arise; which, on motion, were referred to the committee of privileges and elections.

On motion of Mr. REID,

Resolved, that the committee of propositions and grievances enquire into the expediency of amending the act of the general assembly, passed March 1861, incorporating an insurance company in the county of Rockbridge.

On motion of Mr. STAPLES,

Resolved, that the committee of schools and colleges enquire into the expediency of passing an act authorizing the county court of Henry county to direct the sale of the district schoolhouses which were built under the act of assembly authorizing the establishment of free schools in said county; and that the proceeds of said sale be applied to the education of poor children.

On motion of Mr. CUSTIS,

Resolved, that the committee of claims enquire into the expediency of paying Samuel C. White the sum of fifty dollars and eighteen cents, for carrying the mail under a contract made by the governor of the commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of so amending an act passed October 3, 1862, entitled an act to further provide for the public defence, as to provide that the sheriff or sergeant of the county, city or town, who shall attend the sessions of the court, as provided by said act, shall be paid by the confederate authorities.

The SPEAKER laid before the house the following letter from FRANKLIN MINOR, Esquire, resigning his seat as a member of the house of delegates from the county of Albemarle:

RIDGWAY, Jan. 25, 1863.

DEAR SIR:

I hereby tender to you the resignation of my office as one of the members of the house of delegates from the county of Albemarle.

I am impelled to this course by the advice of my family physicians, who have been in attendance on me since my return home. They confidently express their opinion that I cannot hope to return to my post of duty in any short time—certainly not so soon as my place can be supplied by a new election. Under such circumstances, I think it is my duty to resign.

Very respectfully,

Your friend and humble servant,

FRANKLIN MINOR.

HON. H. W. SHEFFEY,

Speaker House of Delegates of Va.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER,

Resolved, that the SPEAKER be requested to issue a writ of election to supply the vacancy in the representation of Albemarle county, occasioned by the resignation of Franklin Minor.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, enclosing a communication from M. L. Bonham, governor of South Carolina, transmitting an act to provide for a guarantee by the state, of the bonds of the Confederate States, passed by the legislature of that state; which were referred to the committee on finance.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a further communication from the governor, transmitting, in response to a resolution of this house, a report from the adjutant general of the state, furnishing the names of regimental, company and staff officers in commission in the state line; which were referred to the committee on military affairs, and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 19.

The following bills were read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time:

No. 41. A bill authorizing the branch of the Exchange Bank of Virginia at Richmond to declare a dividend.

No. 52. A bill for the relief of Thomas Littleton, jailor of Loudoun county.

No. 53. A bill authorizing the payment of interest on bonds given for the Confederate States war tax, after the day of payment.

The following engrossed bills were read a third time and passed:

No. 48. An engrossed bill to incorporate the Prospect tan-yard company in the county of Prince Edward.

No. 57. An engrossed bill to authorize the Bank of Rockingham to increase its contingent fund.

No. 20. An engrossed bill for the relief of the securities of Wm. Paris, late sheriff of Appomattox county, was taken up, on motion of Mr. FLOOD, read a third time and passed—Ayes 86, no 1

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffman, Crockett, Custis, Daniel, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lynn, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Worsham, Wright and Wynne—86.

No—Mr. Jones—1.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the said bills to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg,

Resolved, that the senate be requested to return to this house No. 43, a bill entitled an act to amend certain provisions of an act entitled an act incorporating a company to establish a turnpike road from the town of Manchester to the city of Petersburg, and to amend certain provisions of subsequent acts relating to the same company.

Ordered, that Mr. HOPKINS carry the same to the senate.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. COLLIER, returning the bill.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. PENNYBACKER, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a senate bill entitled an act amending and re-enacting the 4th section of chapter 33 of the Code of Virginia, No. 36: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

Mr. WORSHAM presented the following preamble and resolution; which were agreed to:

Whereas in a letter, addressed by Major General John B. Floyd, on the 21st instant, to John T. Anderson, Esquire, chairman of the house committee on military affairs [see Doc. 16], there occur the following paragraphs:

“I attempted in vain to procure a train of only a hundred pack mules, and we were almost entirely without axes and picks. We were also without tents, except a few, and without one-third of the necessary cooking utensils for the men. For want of the necessary clothing, which neither order nor entreaty could procure, many of the men were frostbitten during the severe cold weather which prevailed up to the first of January, when we went into camp near the salt works; but the men bore every hardship without complaint”—
p. 3, 4.

“The report of the expenditure for our troops is laid before the

legislature, in a document submitted by the adjutant general of the commonwealth. About the correctness of this statement, I can say nothing; for under an order of the governor, the quartermasters through whose hands these expenditures were chiefly made, were taken from under my command, and were consequently neither subject to my orders nor supervision. This document, however, shows that the entire sum of money drawn by the quartermasters under my command, and actually in the field, amounts to only eighty-three thousand five hundred dollars. The balance of the money drawn from the treasury must be represented by supplies still on hand in possession of the quartermasters, set apart by the governor for his exclusive command. If this be so, then there are on hand, purchased and paid for, sufficient supplies to furnish the present force for a year to come. The supplies issued to the men up to the day I left camp, were extremely small. The men were still in bitter want of tents, clothes, blankets, cooking utensils, and even axes. Nor were there picks and spades enough for the most common and necessary purposes. This state of things, so disorganizing and hurtful to the service, must remain and become worse, unless the quartermasters are subject to the orders of the commanding general"—p. 5.

Resolved, therefore, that the governor be requested to afford to the house full information as to the supplies furnished by the quartermaster general of the Virginia forces, if any; and if none, why; also, copies of all orders and correspondence on file in the office of the adjutant general, in reference to the state line; also, such other and further information as he may deem proper, responsive to the allegations set out in the extracts aforesaid.

No. 50. An engrossed bill to authorize the board of public works to transfer the Southwestern turnpike to the counties in which it lies, was read a third time, and on motion of Mr. CROCKETT, laid on the table.

No. 54. A bill increasing the salaries of certain officers of government, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. BARBOUR, laid on the table.

A resolution from the senate, this day reported from the committee on military affairs, in relation to Lieut. E. S. Gay of the public guard, was taken up. Pending the consideration of which, the hour having arrived for the consideration of the order of the day,

No. 27. A bill to suppress extortion, being the special order of the day, was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, chairman of the special committee on extortion, moved that the house proceed to consider the bill heretofore presented from said committee, by way of substitute to the original bill; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The substitute was then taken up and read.

The 1st, 2d and 5th sections of the substitute were then amended, on motions severally made. Pending the consideration of the said 5th section,

On motion of Mr. WARD, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Burrows of the Baptist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows :

IN SENATE, Jan. 28, 1863.

The senate have passed house bill entitled :

An act for the relief of the clerk of the hustings court of the city of Richmond, No. 38.

And they have passed bills entitled :

An act to amend the 15th section of chapter 23 of the Code, so as to allow but one major to each regiment, No. 35.

An act for the relief of James M. Laidley and Thomas S. A. Matthews, No. 33.

An act for the relief of Josiah Wynn of Lee county, No. 32.

In which they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The following senate bill was read a first and second times, and on motion laid on the table :

No. 36. A bill entitled an act amending and re-enacting the 4th section of chapter 33 of the Code of Virginia.

The following senate bills were read a first and second times, and referred to the committee on finance :

No. 32. A senate bill entitled an act for the relief of Josiah Wynn of Lee county.

No. 33. A senate bill entitled an act for the relief of James M. Laidley and Thomas S. A. Matthews.

The following senate bill was read a first and second times, and referred to the committee on military affairs :

No. 35. A senate bill entitled an act to amend the 15th section of chapter 23 of the Code, so as to allow but one major to each regiment.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following reports :

An adverse report to a resolution enquiring into the expediency of amending an act passed October 3, 1862.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the same committee, to whom was referred a joint resolution concerning arrests of civilians by military authority, submitted the following report :

The committee for courts of justice have, according to order, had under consideration a joint resolution concerning arrests of civilians, and have come to the following resolution :

Resolved, that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution, and that the same be referred to the committee on confederate relations.

The resolution was concurred in.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the same committee, presented a report recommending an amendment to the house bill, No. 47, entitled a bill to amend and re-enact an act passed October 3, 1862, entitled an

act to further provide for the public defence; which was read, and on his motion, laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 20.

Mr. NEWTON, from the committee of schools and colleges, to whom had been referred a resolution enquiring into the expediency of providing out of the literary fund, for the education of indigent young men disabled by wounds in battle during the pending war, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject at present.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Resolved, that the special committee on free negroes enquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 126 of the Code of 1860, as to vest the power of binding as apprentices the children of free negroes, in the magistrate of each magisterial district.

Mr. BARBOUR announced to the house the declination of Thomas O. Flint, heretofore elected first doorkeeper of this house.

Mr. WYNNE moved that the house proceed to the election of a doorkeeper to fill the vacancy; which was agreed to.

Mr. WYNNE nominated *John O. Chiles*.

Mr. MALLORY nominated *William H. Freeman*.

Mr. WOOLFOLK nominated *Thomas Jefferson Crane*.

The roll was then called, with the following result:

For William H. Freeman—Messrs. Sheffield (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bayse, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Custis, Daniel, Davis, Dunn, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Mallory, Mathews, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woodhouse, Worsham and Wright—78.

For John O. Chiles—Messrs. Ambers, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Grattan, Montague, Powell, Robertson, Tyler and Wynne—10.

For Thomas Jefferson Crane—Messrs. Magruder, Williams and Woolfolk—3.

William H. Freeman, Esq. having received a majority of all the votes cast, the SPEAKER declared him duly elected first doorkeeper, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the declination of Mr. Flint.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, transmitting a copy of a communication addressed by him to the president of the United States; which was referred to the committee on confederate relations, and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 21.

Mr. REID called up the amendment to the rules, heretofore offered by him; which is as follows:

“The officers of this house, now acting or hereafter appointed, shall take the following oaths: The oath of fidelity to the commonwealth; the oath of office; the anti-dueling oath, and the oath to support the constitution of the Confederate States.”

The amendment to the rules was agreed to; and thereupon, the SPEAKER administered the several oaths to the clerk, sergeant at arms and second doorkeeper.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the go-

vernor, relating to the payment of interest on a portion of the public debt; which was read, and on motion of Mr. BARBOUR, referred to the committee on finance.

The substitute heretofore reported from the committee on extortion, to bill No. 27, a bill to suppress extortion, was taken up, on motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg.

The fifth section of the substitute was then further amended.

Mr. HUNTER moved to strike out the fifth section of the substitute. Pending the consideration of which, the bill and substitute were laid on the table and made the order of the day for to-morrow at 12½ o'clock, and so on from day to day until disposed of.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR,

Resolved, that the auditor of public accounts be requested to furnish a statement showing the annual expense of the public guard; the pay and allowances of each officer thereof; and that he be requested to inform this house of the reasons upon which he refused to Lieut. Gay the pay and allowances of commandant of said guard.

On motion of Mr. BAKER,

Resolved, that the committee of claims enquire into the expediency of allowing the claims of the keeper and assistant keeper of the Craney island light-boat, for services from the 1st of January to the 21st of April 1861.

On motion of Mr. LIVELY,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice be instructed to enquire what legislation is necessary in regard to the safe keeping of the property of disloyal persons who have gone to the enemy; and whether said property can be confiscated to the state of Virginia without conflicting with the laws of the Confederate States.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg presented the written testimony of Alfred T. Harris, &c., taken before the committee on extortion; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 22.

On motion of Mr. THOMAS, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Burrows of the Baptist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Jan. 29, 1863.

The senate have passed house bills entitled:

An act for the relief of the sergeant of the city of Richmond and the sergeant of the city of Petersburg, No. 32.

An act to authorize the Bank of Rockingham to increase its contingent fund, No. 57.

And they have passed with amendments house bill entitled:

An act to provide for the discharge from active military service, of persons who have furnished substitutes, No. 51.

They have passed a bill entitled :

An act to incorporate the Richmond and New bridge turnpike company in the county of Henrico, No. 41.

In which amendments and bill they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 41. A senate bill entitled an act to incorporate the Richmond and New bridge turnpike company in the county of Henrico, was read a first and second times, and referred to the committee of roads and internal navigation.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill No. 51, entitled an act to provide for the discharge from active military service, of persons who have furnished substitutes, were taken up.

The first amendment, proposing to insert "calling such person into service for a longer period than sixty days," in the 1st section, 4th line, was disagreed to.

The second amendment, proposing to insert the words "or future," in the 5th line, 1st section, was disagreed to.

The third amendment, proposing to insert the words "or of the state of Virginia," after the word "state," in the 5th line, 4th section, was agreed to.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the committee on military affairs, to whom had been committed a senate bill entitled an act to amend the 15th section of chapter 23 of the Code, so as to allow but one major to each regiment, No. 35, reported the same, with the recommendation that it do pass.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the same committee, to whom had been referred a resolution enquiring into the expediency of enrolling all free negroes in this commonwealth, both male and female, between the ages of 16 and 40 years, to be employed as teamsters, laborers, cooks, &c., &c. in the military department of the state, presented a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. McCAMANT, from the committee of propositions and grievances, presented the following bill :

No. 60. A bill to amend and re-enact an act passed March 29, 1861, incorporating the Rockbridge insurance company.

Mr. ROBERTSON, from the committee on banks, presented the following bill :

No. 61. A bill to amend the charter of the Bank of Rockingham.

On motion of Mr. COFFMAN,

Resolved, that a special committee of four be appointed to enquire into the expediency of amending the first section of an act entitled an act refunding moneys paid as commutation for military service.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution : Messrs. Coffinan, Grattan, Saunders of Franklin, and Bass.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY,

Resolved, that the governor of this commonwealth be requested to inform this house whether or not Dr. Gibson now holds the position of surgeon general of this state; what salary he receives; and to furnish to this house the names and salaries of all military officers, in-

cluding quartermasters, paymasters and commissaries, now paid by the state of Virginia, exclusive of the forces under the command of Major General Floyd.

On motion of Mr. BASS,

Resolved, that the board of public works be requested to furnish, as early as possible, to this house, any information in their possession, or which may be obtained, without delay, as to the present condition of the Southwestern turnpike; whether, in their judgment, the said road may be transferred to the counties through which it runs, without detriment to the commonwealth; or if they think otherwise, what is the prospect for said road sustaining itself, or becoming a source of profit to the commonwealth.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. COLLIER, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed house bill entitled an act amending and re-enacting the first and second sections of an act entitled an act to repeal the fence law of Virginia as to certain counties, and to authorize the county courts to dispense with enclosures in other counties, passed October 3, 1862, and to legalize the action of county courts held under said law, No. 39, with an amendment: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs be enlarged, by the addition of four members.

The SPEAKER announced the following members as added to the committee under the resolution: Messrs. McCamant, Orgain, Anderson of Rockbridge, and Buford.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the order of the day, the substitute reported from the committee on extortion, to house bill No. 27, entitled a bill to suppress extortion, being the order of the day, was taken up; and the question being on agreeing to the motion heretofore submitted by Mr. HUNTER, to strike out the 5th section of the substitute—pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. GRATTAN, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

[NOTE.—Mr. MALLORY asked and obtained leave to have printed a substitute for the substitute of the committee, which at the proper time he proposed to submit for the consideration of the house.]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Burrows of the Baptist church.

The amendment proposed by the senate to house bill entitled an act amending and re-enacting the first and second sections of an act entitled an act to repeal the fence law as to certain counties, and to authorize the county courts to dispense with enclosures in other counties, passed October 3, 1862, and to legalize the action of county

courts held under said law, was taken up; and on motion of Mr. WOOLFOLK, the bill and amendment were laid on the table.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. EARLY, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a resolution asking the return of the bill and amendment to that body.

The resolution was concurred in.

Ordered, that Mr. BARBOUR carry the bill and amendment to the senate.

Mr. MAGRUDER, from the committee of privileges and elections, to whom had been referred

No. 16. A senate bill entitled an act with regard to general and special elections of members of congress during the present session, reported the same with an amendment.

Mr. BOULDIN, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bill:

No. 62. A bill to legalize the records, proceedings and acts of the county court of Spotsylvania county, at the terms of said court held during the year 1862, at places in the said county other than the courthouse thereof; which subsequently was read a first time, and on motion of Mr. MARYE, two-thirds concurring, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Mr. BOULDIN, from the same committee, presented an adverse report to the petition of Ferdinand Woltz, clerk of Botetourt, and other clerks of courts, asking for an increase of fees.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, presented the memorial of the rail road companies of Virginia, praying relief from taxation on military freight and travel; which, on his motion, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 23.

Mr. KAUFMAN, from a select committee, presented the following bill:

No. 63. A bill to authorize free negroes to be employed as laborers on the fortifications and other public defences; which subsequently, on his motion, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. COFFMAN, from a special committee, presented the following bill:

No. 64. A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to refund money received for exemption from military duty, passed January 9th, 1863.

On motion of Mr. BURKS,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of so amending the 7th and 8th sections of chapter 104 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, as to increase the penalties on persons permitting slaves to go at large or hire themselves out.

On motion of Mr. SHANNON,

Resolved, that the committee of roads and internal navigation be instructed to enquire into the expediency of incorporating a joint stock company for the improvement of the north fork of the Holston river in the county of Smyth.

On motion of Mr. NOLAND,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the payment of interest on the war tax bonds, to those banks which have been prevented, by the presence of the enemy, from demanding the same at the time and in the manner required by law.

On motion of Mr. EGGLESTON,

Resolved, That the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill refunding to Samuel E. Lybrook, sheriff of Giles county, a sum of money erroneously paid into the treasury.

Mr. DAVIS presented the petition of the Lynchburg, Franklin, Citizens and Washington building fund associations, praying that said associations be allowed to purchase their stock, which was referred to the committee of propositions and grievances.

No. 60. A bill to amend and re-enact section 12 of an act passed March 29, 1861, incorporating the Rockbridge insurance company, was taken up, on motion of Mr. REID, read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. ARMSTRONG, who informed the house of delegates that the senate insisted upon their amendments to house bill entitled an act to provide for the discharge from active military service, of persons who have furnished substitutes, No. 51.

Mr. NOLAND presented a letter from Dr. Charles Bell Gibson, which was read as follows:

RICHMOND, Jan. 31, 1863.

DEAR SIR:

I find in the papers of this morning, that Mr. Mallory of Brunswick and Mr. J. T. Anderson of Botetourt stated yesterday in the house of delegates, that they had been informed I was receiving a salary of \$15,000 per annum, for my services as surgeon general of Virginia, and with nothing to do.

Not supposing that these gentlemen design to impeach my character, but that they simply wish to correct abuses, I appeal not to them, but to you, as a member of the house personally known to me, to make the following statement to the honorable body before whom that statement was made:

During the session of the convention of the state in April 1861, I was appointed by that body surgeon general of Virginia, and performed the duties of the office until the arrival of the confederate government at Richmond—a period of about forty days.

Soon afterwards, I was appointed a surgeon in the confederate army; and from that hour my pay as surgeon general of Virginia ceased. I drew from the state of Virginia pay for forty days, as well as my memory serves me, at the rate of \$3,000 per annum, namely, about three hundred and thirty dollars.

There were, for some months, duties to be discharged, pertaining to the office of surgeon general, which were performed by me without pay, or expectation of pay.

During the forty days, the governor, the executive council, and nearly two hundred medical officers, appointed by them on my nomination, can testify that the office was not exactly a "sinecure."

Will you have the goodness to have this letter read to the house to-day, as I am anxious to have any impression which to-day's papers may make on persons not cognizant of the facts, at once erased.

I am, very respectfully, yours,

CHARLES BELL GIBSON, *M. D.*

MAJ. B. P. NOLAND,

House of Delegates.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the order of the day, the substitute heretofore reported from the committee on extortion, to house bill No. 27, entitled a bill to suppress extortion, being the special order of the day, was taken up, and the pending question being on the motion of Mr. HUNTER, heretofore submitted, to strike out the fifth section of the substitute—pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, the house adjourned until Monday, 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Read of the Presbyterian church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Jan. 31, 1863.

The senate have passed house bill entitled:

An act for the relief of Wm. Paris, late sheriff of Appomattox county, No. 20.

And they have passed a bill entitled:

An act amending and re-enacting an ordinance of the convention concerning the aids to the governor, No. 37.

In which they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 37. A senate bill entitled an act amending and re-enacting an ordinance of the convention concerning the aids of the governor, was read a first and second times, and referred to the committee on military affairs.

Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt, from the committee on military affairs, presented an adverse report to a resolution enquiring into the expediency of enrolling and organizing persons exempt from service in the Confederate States army, and of persons between the ages of 18 and 60, into brigades, regiments and battalions for home defence.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill:

No. 65. A bill refunding to Matthew Harris a sum of money; which subsequently was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. BASS, from the committee of claims, presented the following bill:

No. 66. A bill for the relief of George Cross and Elizabeth Cross, keeper and assistant keeper of the Craney island light-vessel.

Mr. MAGRUDER, from the committee of privileges and elections, presented the following bill:

No. 67. A bill to provide for filling vacancies in the general assembly of Virginia.

No. 18. A senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact the twelfth section of chapter twenty of the Code of Virginia, so as to compensate the printer of the senate for printing and binding the journals of the senate at extra sessions, was taken up, on motion of Mr. MALLORY, and read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? the roll was called, with the following result—Ayes 14, noes 69.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Bigger, Carpenter, Coleman, Davis, Gatewood, Kaufman, Mallory, Pitman, F. G. Taylor, Thomas and Wynne—14.

NOES—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bass, Bayse, Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, Crockett, Daniel, Dunn, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Garrison, George, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Magruder, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Rowan, P. Saunders, Shannon, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tomlin, Vermillion, Walker, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Worsham and Wright—69.

Resolved, that the bill be rejected.

On motion of Mr. JONES, the vote by which the bill was rejected was reconsidered; and then, on his further motion, the vote ordering the bill to its third reading was reconsidered, and the bill referred to the committee on finance.

No. 64. A bill to amend and re-enact the 1st section of an act entitled an act to refund money received for exemption from military duty, passed January 19, 1863, was taken up, on motion of Mr. CORFMAN, and read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

On motion of Mr. EVANS,

Resolved, that the committee of claims enquire into the expediency of allowing the claims of Edward S. White, the keeper of the New Point light-house, and of the captain and crew of the Wolf-trap light-vessel, for services rendered by them from the 1st January 1861 until the said light-house and light-vessel were taken from their possession.

On motion of Mr. FLOOD,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of amending the act passed at the present session, for the relief of the securities of William Paris, late sheriff of Appomattox county.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge,

Resolved, that the committee on confederate relations enquire into the expediency of employing the deserters from the Yankee army on the public works, under the supervision of competent confederate officers, in the place of negro slaves, or of otherwise disposing of them, instead of sending them through the country to seek work, and whether such arrangements can be made with the confederate authorities.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. ALDERSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a bill entitled an act making appropriation for payment to Alfred Beckley, for military services performed by him, No. 39: in which they respectfully asked the concurrence of the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. BOULDIN,

No. 51. A bill entitled an act to provide for the discharge from active military service, of persons who have furnished substitutes, to which the senate had proposed certain amendments, which had been disagreed to by the house, and insisted upon by the senate, was taken up.

On motion of Mr. BOULDIN,

Resolved, that the house insist upon their disagreement to said amendments, and that the senate be requested to appoint a committee of conference, to meet a similar committee on the part of the house, in relation to the matters of disagreement between the two houses in reference to said bill.

Ordered, that Mr. BOULDIN carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. DICKINSON, the senator from Prince Edward, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had concurred in the resolution, and appointed a committee on their part.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee on the part of the house: Messrs. Bouldin, Forbes, Grattan, Prince, Edmunds, Wilson of Norfolk, and Montague.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the order of the day, being the substitute heretofore reported from the committee on extortion, to house bill No. 27, entitled a bill to suppress extortion, the order of the day was taken up; and the question being on the motion heretofore submitted by Mr. HUNTER, to strike out the fifth section of the substitute—pending the consideration of which, on motion of Mr. BASS, the further consideration of the order of the day was postponed until to-morrow, 12½ o'clock.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the auditor of public accounts, in answer to a resolution of the house of delegates, requesting him to furnish a statement showing the annual expenditures of the public guard, and the reasons why the auditor refused to Lieutenant Gay the pay and allowances of commandant of the public guard; which was read, and on motion of Mr. MALLORY, laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 24.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the

board of public works, in response to a resolution of this house, requesting information as to the present condition of the Southwestern turnpike, and whether said road could be transferred to the counties through which it runs, without detriment to the interests of the commonwealth; which was read, and on motion of Mr. BASS, laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 25.

On motion of Mr. LYNN, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Read of the Presbyterian church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Feb. 2, 1863.

The senate have passed house bill entitled:

An act to incorporate the Prospect tan-yard company in the county of Prince Edward, No. 48.

And they have passed a bill entitled:

An act authorizing the sale of the Roanoke valley rail road, No. 43.

In which bill they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 39. A senate bill entitled an act making appropriation for payment to Alfred Beckley for military services performed by him, was read a first and second times, and referred to the committee on military affairs.

No. 43. A senate bill entitled an act authorizing the sale of the Roanoke valley rail road, was read a first and second times, and on motion of Mr. ORGAIN, laid on the table.

Mr. BURKS, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bill:

No. 68. A bill to authorize county and corporation courts to cause impressments to be made of certain articles for county purposes.

Mr. BASS, from the committee of claims, presented the following bill:

No. 69. A bill for the relief of Edward S. White, keeper of the New Point light-house, and of the captain and crew of the Wolf-trap light-vessel.

Mr. NEWTON, from the committee on confederate relations, to whom had been referred a resolution of enquiry as to the expediency of repealing or modifying the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th sections of chapter 115 of the Code of 1860, authorizing alien enemies to take and dispose of land, presented the following resolution, which was concurred in:

Resolved, that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution, and that the same be referred to the committee for courts of justice.

Mr. CARPENTER, from the committee of roads and internal navigation, presented the following bill :

No. 70. A bill for the improvement of the north fork of Holston river in the county of Smyth.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill :

No. 71. A bill amending an act entitled an act for the relief of the securities of William Paris, late sheriff of Appomattox county, passed January 31, 1863; which was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, in relation to rail roads of the state, and an order from the quartermaster's department of the confederate government, directing the impressment of certain rail road iron possessed by the Virginia Central rail road, to be used for the construction of the Piedmont rail road in the state of North Carolina, with certain letters of Edmund Fontaine, Esq., president of the Virginia Central rail road, in relation to the same subject, with the order of impressment from the said quartermaster's department; which were read, and on motion of Mr. GILMER, referred to the committee on confederate relations.

On motion of Mr. KAUFMAN,

Resolved, that the claim of George W. Chambers, for castings furnished the state of Virginia at the time of taking possession of the United States armory at Harpers Ferry, and recommended for payment by the auditing board, be referred to the committee of claims.

On motion of Mr. WYNNE,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of amending existing laws, so as to improve the discipline of the jails of the commonwealth, and promote the order and good behavior of persons confined therein.

No. 67. A bill to provide for filling vacancies in the general assembly of Virginia, was taken up, read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the order of the day, the substitute heretofore reported from the committee on extortion, to house bill No. 27, entitled a bill to suppress extortion, being the order of the day, was taken up; and the question being to strike out the fifth section of the substitute, Mr. HARRISON moved that all debate on the pending question shall cease at ten minutes to 3 o'clock this day; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring on striking out the said fifth section, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 48, noes 48.

On motion of Mr. RIVES, the vote was recorded as follows :

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Barbour, Bouldin, Bradford, Burks, Carter, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Davis, Edmunds, Evans, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Jones, Jordan, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, A. W. McDonald, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T^h Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Prince, Reid, Robertson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shanoun, Thrash, Tomlin, Tyler, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Woolfolk—48.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Carpenter, Crockett, Custis, Daniel, Dunn, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Gatewood, George, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lynn, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Vaden, Vermillion, Walker, Worsham and Wynne—48.

The fifth section of the substitute is as follows :

“ 5. Be it further enacted, that no person shall sell the products of his land, including any minerals thereof, necessary for the food and comfort of man or beast, during the first term of three months next after this act takes effect, at a price exceeding two hundred per centum on the price such products bore severally on the first day of May 1861, at the place or locality where they may be offered for sale ; nor for more than one hundred and seventy-five per centum thereon during the second term of three months ; nor for more than one hundred and fifty per centum thereon, during the third term of three months, and afterwards, and for six months after the ratification of a treaty of peace between the Confederate States and the United States. And no manufacturer or producer of any fabric or other article for the health, comfort or welfare of man or beast, shall sell the same at ; nor shall any mechanic, where materials are furnished by the consumer, charge a price exceeding two hundred per centum on the price of similar fabrics and other articles on the first day of May 1861, at the place or locality where they may be offered for sale or manufactured, during the first term of three months next after this act shall take effect ; nor for more than one hundred and seventy-five per centum thereon during the second term of three months ; nor for more than one hundred and fifty per centum thereon during the third term of three months, and afterwards, and for six months after the ratification of a treaty of peace between the Confederate States and the United States. And it shall be the duty of the county and corporation courts, at their first terms respectively after the passage of this act, or as soon as may be afterwards, to ascertain, as correctly as they can, the prices, in their several counties and corporations, of all these articles of produce and manufactures on the first day of May 1861 ; and by adding the per centums aforesaid severally to the prices they then bore, they shall make out, in three different columns, respectively, a fair and legible list of said articles, with the maximum prices thus ascertained, and cause the said list and maximum prices to be posted and kept posted on the front door of their respective courthouses and public markets, for public inspection : and if any of the said courts shall fail or neglect to perform these duties, each member thereof wilfully neglecting such duty, shall be liable to a fine of one hundred dollars ; recoverable by presentment, information or indictment, as for a misdemeanor : provided, however, that if, by reason of the high prices of materials for manufactures, or other cause, the cost of the material and manufacturing of the fabric or other article shall be equal to the maximum price of said fabric or other article where it may be offered for sale, then the manufacturer may, on notice to the commonwealth's attorney, or with his consent, without notice, move the county or corporation court where the said

fabrics or other articles were made or produced, for authority to sell or manufacture the same at a price not exceeding fifty per centum on the actual cost or the price for manufacturing thereof: and upon proof of the truth of his application, the said court may grant him authority to sell or manufacture said fabrics or other articles at a maximum price not exceeding fifty per centum on the actual cost of said fabrics or manufactures so provided as aforesaid."

Mr. ROBINSON of Berkeley moved the indefinite postponement of the bill and substitute; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. MALLORY demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 24, noes 72.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, Bouldin, Carter, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Davis, Edmunds, Evans, Gilmer, Grattan, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, Lundy, Magruder, Newton, Orgain, Robertson, Robinson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Thrash, J. L. Wilson and Woolfolk—24.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Bradford, Burks, Carpenter, Cecil, Crockett, Custis, Daniel, Dunn, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, George, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lynn, Mallory, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Rives, Rowan, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Vermillion, Walker, West, Williams, S. M. Wilson, Worsham and Wynne—72.

On motion of Mr. BOULDIN, the further consideration of the order of the day was postponed until to-morrow at 12½ o'clock.

Mr. BOULDIN, from the committee of conference, to whom had been committed the matters of disagreement between the two houses of the general assembly, in relation to house bill entitled an act to provide for the discharge from active military service, of persons who have furnished substitutes, No. 51, presented a report; which was read, and on motion of Mr. MALLORY, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 26.

On motion of Mr. TREDWAY,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of releasing certain distillers of fruit from the penalty for distilling fruit without license.

On motion of Mr. RIVES,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of exempting from military duty one deputy sheriff for every twelve thousand inhabitants of every county, and one for every county having less than twelve thousand inhabitants; or such other relief as may be necessary.

On motion of Mr. McDONALD of Hampshire, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Read of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. McCAMANT, from the committee of propositions and grievances, presented the following bills:

No. 72. A bill allowing the Lynchburg, Franklin, Citizens and Washington building fund associations to purchase their stock.

No. 73. A bill incorporating the Submarine battery joint company.

Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt, from the committee on military affairs, to whom had been referred

No. 39. A senate bill entitled an act making appropriation for payment to Alfred Beckley, for military services performed by him, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the same committee, presented the following bills:

No. 74. A bill to amend an act passed 17th May 1862, entitled an act to authorize a force of ten thousand men to be raised for the defence of the commonwealth.

No. 75. A bill authorizing the board of public works to impress free negroes and slaves for the improvement of New river.

No. 76. A bill providing more effectually for the arrest of deserters.

Mr. NEWTON, from the committee of schools and colleges, presented the following bill:

No. 77. A bill authorizing the sale, by the county court, of the district schoolhouses, and the lots attached thereto, in the county of Henry.

No. 60. An engrossed bill to amend and re-enact section 12 of an act passed March 29, 1861, incorporating the Rockbridge insurance company, was taken up, on motion of Mr. REID, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 64. An engrossed bill to amend and re-enact the 1st section of an act entitled an act to refund money received for exemption from military duty, passed January 19, 1863, was taken up, on motion of Mr. GRATTAN, read a third time and passed—Ayes 87.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baskervill, Bass, Bayse, Bouldin, Bradford, Burks, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, Crockett, Davis, Edmunds, Evans, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Magruder, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orguin, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Vernillion, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wynne—87.

Ordered, that Mr. GRATTAN carry the same to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence therein.

No. 56. A bill changing the times of holding the circuit courts of the fourteenth judicial circuit, was taken up, on motion of Mr. JAMES, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. ARMSTRONG, who informed the house of delegates that the senate on their part had agreed to the report of the committee of conference as to the matters of disagreement between the two houses, in relation to house bill No. 51, entitled an act to provide for the discharge from active military service, of persons who have furnished substitutes: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. TOMLIN,

Resolved, that the committee of roads and internal navigation enquire into the expediency of requiring by law that internal improvement companies shall receive and deliver by weight all grain offered for transportation.

On motion of Mr. McCAMANT,

Resolved, that leave be given to withdraw from the files of this house, bill 98 of the last session, providing for the forfeiture of lands of citizens of the United States lying west of the Alleghany mountains; and when such lands are claimed by loyal citizens under grants from the commonwealth, to transfer the same to them; and that the same be referred to the committee for courts of justice.

Mr. AMBERS submitted the following preamble and resolutions; which, upon his motion, were referred to the committee on confederate relations:

Whereas the high prices now demanded for all the necessities of life, is not only a cause of complaint by the people, but has been recommended to our careful consideration, both by the state and confederate executives: and whereas this general assembly, conscious of the existence of said grievances, and anxious, as far as practicable, to remedy the same, doth

Resolve, 1st, that said grievance, to a considerable extent, has its origin and continuance, not so much in a general scarcity of articles of prime necessity, as in a want of transportation, whereby those articles cannot be properly distributed, and speculators are enabled to hoard them up and prey upon the wants of the people.

2d. Resolved, that it is the duty of the government to allow transportation for the necessities of life to all parts of the country, and that it be recommended to the confederate authorities to furnish every facility for the transportation of freight of private citizens, upon all rail roads and other public conveyances over which they have control.

3d. Resolved, that the governor be requested to transmit the foregoing resolutions to the president of the Confederate States.

On motion of Mr. GEORGE,

Resolved, that leave be given to withdraw from the files of this house of the session of 1861-62, bill 139; and that the same be referred to the committee of propositions and grievances.

On motion of Mr. WALKER,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expe-

diency of allowing to William W. Hook the sum of forty-eight dollars and fifty cents, paid by him to the sheriff of Augusta county as a license tax.

On motion of Mr. GILMER,

Resolved, that leave be given to withdraw from the files of this house, bill 16, entitled a bill to organize the militia force of Virginia, between the ages of 35 and 45, passed May 14, 1862, and that the same be referred to the committee on military affairs.

Mr. WORSHAM presented the petition of J. B. Read, asking that the Union agricultural society of Virginia and North Carolina be exempted from taxation; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on finance.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the order of the day, the substitute heretofore reported from the committee on extortion, to house bill No. 27, entitled a bill to suppress extortion, being the order of the day, was taken up.

Mr. HOPKINS moved to amend the fifth section, by adding thereto the following: "provided, however, that nothing in this act contained shall embrace or apply to the sale of land, slaves, tobacco or horses, or to any sheriffs' sales or sales of dead men's estates, or to sales under any deed of trust executed prior to the passage of this act;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt moved further to amend the fifth section, by adding to the proviso just agreed to, the following: "and provided further, that all persons who now have or may hereafter purchase salt, shall be permitted to sell the same at a price not exceeding the price paid to the manufacturer when made, together with the costs of transportation on the same to the place where offered for sale, and twenty-five per centum upon the said prime costs and costs of transportation: and provided also, that the present holders of bacon, who cured the same, shall be allowed to sell the same at the cost thereof, together with twenty-five per centum upon the said cost;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. HARRISON moved to strike out the sixth section of the substitute; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. BARBOUR demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 20, noes 73.

On motion of Mr. HARRISON, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Bailey, Bouldin, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffinan, Coleman, Forbes, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, McKinney, Robertson, P. Saunders, Sherrard, Ward, Williams and J. L. Wilson—20.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffield (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Bradford, Burks, Carpenter, Cecil, Crockett, Custis, Daniel, Edmunds, Eggleston, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Franklin, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, George, H. L. Hopkins, Huitt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufinan, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Magruder, Mallory, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherfordord, Shannon, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Vermilion, Walker, West, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Worsham—73.

The sixth section is as follows:

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, that no person, firm or company, whether incorporated or not, who imports goods, wares or merchandise into this state from any other state of this Confederacy, shall sell the same, or any part thereof, at a greater profit than per centum by wholesale, or per centum by retail, on the actual cost thereof: and after passing out of the hands of the importer, no person, firm or company shall afterwards sell the said goods, wares or merchandise at any higher rate of profit than per centum on the actual costs to him or them: provided, that no person who imports goods, wares or merchandise directly into this state, by running the blockade of the United States, shall be liable to any restrictions or limitations on profits on the sale thereof; but after they once pass out of the hands of the importer, no person shall afterwards sell them at a greater profit than per centum on the actual cost to him or them.

Mr. FORBES moved to amend the 8th section of the substitute, by striking out the following words at the end thereof: "But the sentence of imprisonment may be commuted, on his application to enlist in the state or confederate army for the war, either in person, if under forty-five years of age, or if above that age, by substitute of at least equal physical capacity for service and endurance; to be adjudged by the presiding justice, if convicted in a county or corporation court, or by the judge, in term or vacation, if convicted in a circuit court;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. HUNTER moved to strike out the tenth section of the bill. Pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. GRATTAN, the further consideration of the order of the day was postponed until to-morrow at 12½ o'clock.

On motion of Mr. GRATTAN, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Read of the Presbyterian church.

The report of the committee of conference, agreed to by the senate and communicated to the house, in relation to the matters of disagreement between the two houses, in regard to house bill No. 51, entitled an act to provide for the discharge from active military service, of persons who have furnished substitutes, was taken up.

On motion of Mr. BURKS,

Resolved (the senate consenting), that the report of the committee of conference, in relation to the disagreement of the two houses, in regard to house bill No. 51, be recommitted to said committee.

Ordered, that Mr. BURKS carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. ARMSTRONG, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the resolution.

A message was also received from the senate by Mr. ARMSTRONG, who informed the house of delegates that the senate requested the return to that body of the report of the committee of conference, in relation to said bill, No. 51, heretofore agreed to by the senate.

The request of the senate was agreed to.

Ordered, that Mr. BURKS carry the report of the committee to the senate.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bills :

No. 78. A bill authorizing fiduciaries to invest funds in their hands in certain cases, and for other purposes.

No. 79. A bill authorizing the court of appeals to hold its sessions at other places than Lewisburg, &c.

No. 80. A bill to amend and re-enact the 10th section of chapter 86 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the public health.

Mr. NEWTON, from the committee on confederate relations, presented the following reports :

A report asking that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the communication from the governor, in relation to rail roads, and to the proposed action of the confederate government as to impressing certain rail road iron possessed by the Virginia Central rail road company, to be used for the purpose of the construction of the Piedmont rail road.

A report asking that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of certain resolutions on the subject of the transportation on rail roads of the freight of private citizens.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill :

No. 81. A bill refunding to Samuel E. Lybrook, sheriff of the county of Giles, a certain sum of money.

Mr. MONTAGUE, from the joint committee on the penitentiary, to whom had been referred a resolution of enquiry into the expediency of employing the able bodied convicts in the penitentiary on the fortifications around Richmond, presented a report asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution.

Mr. KAUFMAN, from the special committee on the subject of free negroes, presented the following bill :

No. 82. A bill regulating the mode of binding out free negro apprentices, and for other purposes ; which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

No. 70. A bill for the improvement of the north fork of the Holston river in the county of Smyth, was taken up, on motion of Mr. RICHARDSON, read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. PENNYBACKER, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed house bill No. 64, entitled an act to amend and re-enact the first sec-

tion of an act entitled an act to refund money received for exemption from military duty, passed January 19, 1863.

On motion of Mr. NELSON of Louisa,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs enquire into the expediency of providing for the exemption of one deputy clerk for each county from military service.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of amending an act concerning the estate of John Haskins, senior, a lunatic, passed January 24, 1839.

On motion of Mr. CARPENTER,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs enquire into the expediency of repealing an act passed October 3, 1862, entitled an act to further provide for the public defence.

On motion of Mr. FORBES,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of providing by law that in all cases in which, by the terms of any deed of trust or other writing heretofore executed for the conveyance of any land or other property in this commonwealth, an advertisement shall be required to be made in any newspaper, or otherwise, in any place, town or city in this commonwealth, now in the possession of the forces of the federal government, or within their lines, or in any place or city in any of the United States, such advertisement shall be made in some newspaper published in the city of Richmond, and shall be as valid as to all purposes of such deed or writing as though the said advertisement had been published at the place or in the town or city in such deed or other writing mentioned.

On motion of Mr. BASKERVILL,

Resolved, that a special committee be appointed, with instructions to enquire into the expediency of amending and re-enacting the 4th section of an act passed 22d January 1862, entitled an act to authorize the establishment of a military school as a part of the instruction of Randolph Macon college.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. ARMSTRONG, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the report of the committee of conference, in relation to the matters of disagreement between the two houses, in relation to house bill No. 51, entitled an act to provide for the discharge from active military service, of persons who have furnished substitutes.

On motion of Mr. FLEMING,

Resolved, that the committee on the salt question be instructed to correspond with the proprietors of the Washington and Smyth county salt works, with reference to a renewal of county contracts when the terms of the contracts already made shall have expired.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the order of the day, the substitute heretofore reported from the committee on extortion, to house bill No. 27, entitled an act to suppress extortion, being the order of the day, was taken up; and the question being on the motion submitted by Mr. HUNTER to strike out the 10th section of the substitute, Mr. HUNTER, by leave of the house, modified his mo-

tion, so that it would be to strike out the 10th section, and insert the following:

"1. Be it enacted by the general assembly, that from and after the passage of this act, any person who may deal or speculate in clothing, or materials of clothing, boots, shoes, leather, raw hides, meat, grain, flour, meal, fish, groceries of any kind, butter, lard, eggs, poultry, vegetables, fruits, salt, saltpetre, horses, mules, cattle, sheep and hogs, or any other commodity or article of merchandise, who, during the continuance of the existing war, shall, by acts of engrossing, regrating or forestalling, as said offences are defined in the common law, done by him, or in which he may have participated, or by any other unjust and wicked devices so done or participated in, which tend to enhance the prices of such commodities or articles of merchandise, become enabled to sell or dispose of, and shall sell or dispose of any of the said articles at exorbitant or unreasonable rates or prices (the circumstances of each case being duly considered), or who shall, with the like unjust and wicked intent, refuse to sell or dispose of any such commodity or article of merchandise at fair and reasonable rates or prices for cash, whenever applied to, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; and on conviction thereof in any of the courts of this commonwealth, shall be fined in a sum not less than dollars nor more than dollars, and be imprisoned in the county jail not more than twelve months, at the discretion of the jury; one-half of the fine in each case to be for the benefit of the informer; and the informer shall be a competent witness for the commonwealth in every such prosecution.

2. Corporations by their corporate names shall be liable to prosecution and punishment in like manner, under the first section of this act, except that for imprisonment, as applied to individuals, shall be substituted forfeiture of charter of such corporation, at the discretion of the court; and proof of acts done or devices practiced by any of the corporators or agents of the corporation, which, if acting individually, would bring them under the purview of this act, shall be sufficient to maintain the prosecution against such corporation.

3. This act shall be in force from and after the passage thereof."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. BURKS demanded a division of the question; which was agreed to by the house; and the question being on agreeing to strike out the 10th section, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 44, noes 51.

On motion of Mr. LYNN, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Bailey, Baskervill, Bouldin, Bradford, Burks, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Davis, Edmunds, Evans, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Jones, Jordan, Lundy, Magruder, Marye, A. W. McDonald, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Prince, Robertson, Ruthsford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Thrash, Tomlin, Ward, Williams, J. L. Wilson and S. M. Wilson—44.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Carpenter, Crockett, Daniel, Dunn, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Franklin, Gatewood, George, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lynn, Mallory, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, Pitman, Powell, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, West and Worsham—51.

Mr. BASS moved to strike out the 11th section of the substitute; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The 12th section was then amended, on motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg:

Mr. BURKS moved to strike out the 13th section of the substitute; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge moved to strike out from the substitute, as amended, from the 5th section, inclusive, to the end thereof, and to insert a substitute therefor, submitted by himself; which was read; and the question being on striking out and inserting as aforesaid,

On motion of Mr. TOMLIN,

Resolved, that the bill, the substitute thereto, reported from the committee on extortion, and the substitute to the substitute, submitted by Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge, be laid on the table, and the substitute of the committee, as amended by the house, and the amendment thereto, submitted by Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge, be printed.

On motion of Mr. McDONALD of Hampshire,

Resolved, that the amendment heretofore submitted by Mr. HUNTER be printed.

Mr. MALLORY gave notice of his intention to submit a substitute to the report of the committee, as amended by the house; which, on motion of Mr. TOMLIN, was ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON,

Resolved, that the SPEAKER be requested to invite General Sterling Price to a seat upon the floor of the house of delegates.

In compliance with the invitation, General Price appeared in the hall; and having been received by the SPEAKER, returned his acknowledgments for the honor conferred upon him, and thereupon took the seat assigned to him.

Mr. BOULDIN, from the committee of conference, to whom had been recommitted the matters of disagreement between the two houses, in relation to house bill No. 51, entitled an act to provide for the discharge from active military service, of persons who have furnished substitutes, presented a report; which was concurred in.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. JONES, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Read of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. KAUFMAN, from the committee of propositions and grievances, presented the following bill:

No. 83. A bill changing the names of the counties of Buchanan and Scott.

Mr. MONTAGUE, from the joint committee on the penitentiary, presented the following bill:

No. 84. A bill authorizing the sale of a piece of land near the penitentiary.

Mr. RIVES, from the committee on lunatic asylums, presented the following bill:

No. 85. A bill making an additional appropriation for the Central lunatic asylum.

Mr. NEWTON, from the committee on confederate relations, to whom had been referred a resolution enquiring into the expediency of permitting deserters from the northern army to be employed on the public works, presented a report asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution submitted by Mr. BASKERVILL on yesterday, in relation to Randolph Macon college: Messrs. Baskervill, Tomlin, Anderson of Rockbridge, Staples, McDonald of Hampshire, Taylor of Amelia, and Cazenove.

On motion of Mr. BASKERVILL,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of authorizing the county courts of this commonwealth, when required under existing laws to supply slave labor to work upon government fortifications, to substitute, as far as to them may seem proper, free negro labor in place of slave labor.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of amending the act passed March 14, 1862, entitled an act to extend the time for the exercise of certain civil rights and remedies, so as to extend the same to criminal prosecutions.

No. 39. A senate bill entitled an act making appropriation for payment to Alfred Beckley for military services performed by him, was taken up, on motion of Mr. LOCKRIDGE, and read a second time.

Mr. RICHARDSON moved the indefinite postponement of the bill; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. WALKER demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

The substitute heretofore reported from the committee on extortion, to house bill No. 27, entitled a bill to suppress extortion, with the substitute to the substitute of the committee, as amended by the house, presented by Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge, were taken up, on motion of Mr. TOMLIN.

Mr. WORSHAM moved to commit the bill and substitutes to the committee on extortion; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. MALLORY demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative.

Mr. FORBES submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that all debate upon the bill, substitutes, and amendments thereto, upon the subject of extortion, shall cease at 2 o'clock on Saturday; and the house will proceed to vote upon the same at that hour; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. BARBOUR

demand the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 59, noes 39.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, the vote was recorded as follows :

AYES—Messrs. Bailey, Barbour, Baskervill, Booton, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Crockett, Dunn, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Jordan, Lively, Lundy, Mallory, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Pitman, Powell, Reid, Rutherford, Shannon, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, Woodhouse and Worsham—59.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Bouldin, Daniel, Davis, Fleming, George, H. L. Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Lynn, Magruder, Mathews, Mayo, Montague, Orgain, Prince, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Tomlin, Tredway, Vaden, West, Williams and J. L. Wilson—39.

On motion of Mr. SAUNDERS of Campbell,

Resolved, that during the debate on the pending bill, the substitutes thereto, and any amendments thereto, no member shall be permitted to speak more than once on any pending proposition, nor for a longer time than ten minutes.

On motion of Mr. STAPLES,

Resolved, that Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge, the mover of the substitute, be relieved from the operation of the resolution just adopted.

Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge, by leave of the house, withdrew the substitute heretofore submitted by him, and then moved to strike out the entire substitute of the committee, as amended by the house, and to insert a substitute therefor; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. TOMLIN demanded a division of the question; which was agreed to; and the question being on agreeing to the motion to strike out—pending the consideration thereof,

On motion of Mr. TOMLIN, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Read of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bills :

No. 86. A bill to amend and re-enact the 7th section of chapter 104 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860.

No. 87. A bill to amend the 2d section of an act concerning the estate of John Haskins, senior, a lunatic, passed January 24, 1839; which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the same committee, presented the following reports :

An adverse report to a resolution enquiring into the expediency of providing by law for advertisements of sale under deeds of trust in certain cases.

An adverse report to a resolution enquiring into the expediency of

imposing fines on justices when summoned to attend court, and failing so to do.

Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt, from the committee on military affairs, to whom had been referred

No. 37. A senate bill amending and re-enacting an ordinance of the convention concerning the aids to the governor, reported the same with an amendment.

Mr. BASKERVILLE, from a special committee, presented the following bill:

No. 87. A bill amending and re-enacting the 4th section of an act passed the 22d January 1862, entitled an act to authorize the establishment of a military school as a part of the instruction of Randolph Macon college.

On motion of Mr. RIVES,

Resolved, that the governor be requested to inform this house what portion of the appropriation which was made for the support of the Eastern lunatic asylum at Williamsburg, has been used; also, whether he has received from any source any additional information of the condition of that institution, other than that contained in his late message.

No. 56. An engrossed bill changing the times of holding the circuit courts of the fourteenth judicial circuit, was taken up, on motion of Mr. JAMES, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence therein.

No. 35. A senate bill entitled an act to amend the 15th section of chapter 23 of the Code, so as to allow but one major to each regiment, was read a first and second times and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

No. 16. A senate bill entitled an act with regard to general and special elections of members of congress during the present war, with the amendment thereto submitted by the committee of privileges and elections, was taken up and read a second time; and the question being on agreeing to the amendment, on motion of Mr. BUFORD, the bill and amendment were laid on the table.

The substitute heretofore reported from the committee on extortion, to house bill No. 27, entitled a bill to suppress extortion, with the pending amendment thereto, submitted by Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge, to strike out the entire substitute of the committee, and to insert in lieu thereof a substitute submitted by himself, were taken up, on motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge; and the question being (the house by a previous vote having divided the question) on the motion to strike out, Mr. JAMES moved that the resolution limiting the debate to the hour of 2 o'clock this day, be rescinded; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. GREEN demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 34, noes 63.

On motion of Mr. FORBES, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bass, Bigger, Buford, Daniel, Davis, Fleming, Fulton, George, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson,

Jones, Kyle, Lundy, Magruder, Montague, Orgain, Pitman, Richardson, Rives, Robertson, Staples, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, J. L. Wilson and S. M. Wilson—34.

NOES—Messrs. Bailey, Barbour, Bayse, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Burks, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Crockett, Dunn, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Jordan, Kaufman, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Powell, Reid, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tyler, Ward, West, Williams, Woodhouse, Worsham and Wynne—63.

The question recurring on the motion to strike out the substitute, as amended by the house, reported from the committee on extortion, to the house bill No. 27, entitled a bill to suppress extortion, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 45, noes 53.

On motion of Mr. HARRISON, the vote was recorded as follows :

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Barbour, Baskerville, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Davis, Evans, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Jones, Magruder, A. W. McDonald, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Reid, Robertson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tomlin, Tyler, Ward and Williams—45.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Crockett, Daniel, Dunn, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Franklin, Garrison, Gatewood, George, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Staples, F. G. Taylor, Thomas, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, West, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woodhouse, Worsham and Wynne—53.

The substitute submitted by Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge is as follows :

“1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of Virginia, that if any person or persons shall buy, or cause to be bought any goods, wares or merchandise, or victuals or food, which, at the time of purchase, shall be under carriage or transportation to any market or fair within this commonwealth, to be sold therein, or to any city or town wherein there is no public market established, or to any port or harbor of this commonwealth, for sale; or shall make any bargain, contract or promise for the buying or having such goods or pre-emption thereof, before the same shall be in or at the market, fair, city, town, port or harbor, ready to be there sold; or shall persuade any person coming to this commonwealth, or any market therein, to forbear bringing any goods, wares or merchandise, or provisions of any kind, therein, or use any means or device for enhancing the price of any such goods or provisions in this commonwealth, or any market therein—every such person or persons offending in either of the said particulars, is declared to be a forestaller. But this shall not extend to any person purchasing any victuals, food, or materials for victuals or food, or other commodities necessary for the use and consumption of himself and his family, or those in his employ, for one year.

2. Be it further enacted, that if any person or persons shall, by any means, buy, obtain, or get into his or their possession, or under his or their control, in any fair or market, any victuals, food, or materials thereof, that shall have been brought there to be sold, and shall sell the same again in any place within four miles thereof, he is declared to be a regrater.

3. Be it further enacted, that whoever shall buy any goods, wares or merchandise, or any other article pertaining to the food or raiment of man or beast, to sell again, and shall at any time refuse to sell the same, or any part of them, for cash, in the same kind of money or currency with which he bought them, or in any of the common currency of this state, or who denies he has any, for sale, when the fact is otherwise, shall be deemed to be an engrosser.

4. Be it further enacted, that whoever commits any act of forestalling, regrating or engrossing, in violation of this act, shall be prosecuted as for a misdemeanor; and on conviction thereof, besides the fine assessed by the jury, which shall be not less than twenty nor more than five hundred dollars for each offence, he or they shall be imprisoned in the jail of the county or corporation where so tried and convicted, for a period not more than twelve months, at the discretion of the jury: and if it be committed by any person, firm or company, whether incorporated or not, trading under license duly obtained according to law, the said license shall be absolutely null and void from the time of his or their conviction.

5. Be it enacted further by the general assembly, that no person shall purchase victuals, food, or any article pertaining to the food or raiment of man or beast, to sell again, in any county or corporation within this commonwealth, without having first obtained license from the commissioner of the revenue of such county or corporation; which shall be granted upon his paying to the sheriff or sergeant the sum of dollars as a part of the revenue of the commonwealth, and upon his taking an oath before said commissioner, that he will keep a fair and just account of all his purchases and sales, and of the cost of transportation from the place where purchased to the place where sold, and that he will render a true account of the same to the commissioner on the day of of each year, or as soon thereafter as the same shall be called for by the said commissioner: and for failure to render such account, he shall be liable to a fine of dollars for every day he fails to render the same, after application made, payable to the commonwealth, and recoverable by warrant before a justice of the peace in any county or corporation where he may be found. And no person shall sell food, victuals, or any article pertaining to the food or raiment of man or beast, at an advance of more than per centum above the price paid by him for the same, adding to the prime cost and the per centum thereon, the cost of transportation from the place where purchased to the place where sold. Any person violating the provisions of this section, by buying to sell again, without license, or for selling the article so bought, above the price prescribed herein, shall forfeit the price of the article so bought or sold; one-half to the informer and the residue to the commonwealth, recoverable by warrant before any justice of the peace in the county or corporation where the offence shall have been committed: and the informant shall be a competent witness to testify against him. And if it shall appear, upon the settlement of his account with the commissioner, that he sold the articles or commodities purchased by him, at a greater advance

than is allowed by this section, said commissioner is required to add the excess to his taxes, to be collected in the mode provided for the collection of taxes.

6. Be it further enacted, that the commissioners of the revenue, before granting merchants' licenses hereafter, shall require the applicant for such license to take an oath that he will keep a fair and true account of his mercantile transactions, so as to exhibit a true account of his profits; which account he shall exhibit to the commissioner on the day of of each year, or whenever thereafter required by the commissioner. And if his profits have exceeded per centum on his capital invested in that business, the excess shall be charged to him by the commissioner as an addition to his taxes, to be collected in the mode provided for collecting taxes. And said merchant, for failing to render an account to the commissioner, as herein required, shall pay a fine of dollars for every day he shall neglect or refuse to exhibit such account, after the same has been applied for by the commissioner; recoverable by the commissioner, on behalf of the commonwealth, by warrant before any justice of the peace in the county or corporation where he resides, or where his business is carried on.

7. Be it further enacted, that every manufacturer or producer of any fabric or other article for the health, comfort or welfare of man or beast, shall keep or cause to be kept a true account of his operations, so as to exhibit an accurate statement of his capital actually employed in the business, and of his profits; which account, verified by oath or affirmation, shall be exhibited to the commissioner of the revenue of the county or corporation where the business is carried on, on the day of of each year, or whenever thereafter required by the said commissioner. And if the amount of profits exceeds per centum on the amount of capital invested in the business, the excess shall be charged to the party as an addition to his taxes, to be collected in the manner provided for the collection of taxes: And for failure to keep and exhibit such account, as herein required, the party so failing shall be subject to a fine of not less than per centum nor more than per centum of the value of his taxable property, real and personal, at the discretion of the court; recoverable in the circuit court of said county or corporation, on motion of the attorney for the commonwealth, upon not less than ten days' notice: provided, however, that every mechanic, whose skill and labor constitute a part of his capital, shall be allowed by the commissioner the per centage of profit herein prescribed, upon the combined value of his skill and labor, with the amount of capital he has employed in the business: and in ascertaining the amount of his profits, he shall be allowed to deduct from his gross income his family expenses.

8. Be it further enacted, that the county court of each county in the commonwealth, at the March term thereof, the justices having all been previously summoned, or a majority of them being present, shall make off a schedule of prices of all commodities which pertain to the food or raiment of man or beast, the growth or product of

land, and shall cause the same to be published in some newspaper having the most general circulation in the county; and also copies of the same to be posted at the front door of the courthouse, and at such other places as they may deem most likely to give it publicity. And no person shall be allowed to sell in said counties any of the articles enumerated in said schedule, at higher prices than those prescribed by the county courts as aforesaid, under the penalty of a forfeiture of the price of the article so sold; one-half to the informer, and the residue to the commonwealth; recoverable by warrant before a justice of the peace for the county or corporation where the sale was made. And the county courts may from time to time change the schedule of prices, as they may deem expedient and proper, the justices having been first summoned to attend, or a majority being present."

The question then being on striking out the original bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the report of the committee, as amended by the house, Mr. WEST asked a division of the question; which was agreed to.

The question being on striking out of the original bill all after the words "Be it enacted by the general assembly," was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring upon inserting the report of the committee, as amended by the house, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 43, noes 52.

On motion of Mr. WEST, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Crockett, Daniel, Dunn, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Franklin, Gatewood, George, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Staples, F. G. Taylor, Thomas, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Woodhouse and Worsham—43.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Baskerville, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Davis, Evans, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Jones, Jordan, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Reid, Robertson, Rutherford, E. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherard, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tomlin, Tyler, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Wynne—52.

The substitute of the committee, as amended by the house, is as follows:

"1. That if any person or persons shall buy, or cause to be bought any goods, wares or merchandise, or victuals or food, which, at the time of purchase, shall be under carriage or transportation to any market or fair within this commonwealth, to be sold therein, or to any city or town wherein there is no public market established, or to any port or harbor of this commonwealth, for sale; or shall make any bargain, contract or promise for the buying or having such goods or pre-emption thereof, before the same shall be in or at the market, fair, city, town, port or harbor, ready to be there sold; or shall persuade any person coming to this commonwealth, or any market therein, to forbear bringing any goods, wares or merchandise, or provisions of any kind, therein, or use any means or device for enhancing the price of any such goods or provisions in this commonwealth, or any market therein—every such person or persons offending in either

of the said particulars, is declared to be a forestaller. But this shall not extend to any person purchasing any victuals, food, or materials for victuals or food, or other commodities necessary for the use and consumption of himself and his family, or those in his employ, for one year.

2. Be it further enacted, that if any person or persons shall, by any means, buy, obtain, or get into his or their possession, or under his or their control, in any fair or market, any victuals, food, or materials thereof, that shall have been brought there to be sold, and shall sell the same again in any place within four miles thereof, he is declared to be a regrater.

3. Be it further enacted, that whoever shall buy any goods, wares or merchandise, or any other article pertaining to the food or raiment of man or beast, to sell again, and shall at any time refuse to sell the same, or any part of them, for cash, in the same kind of money or currency with which he bought them, or in any of the common currency of this state, or who denies he has any for sale, when the fact is otherwise, shall be deemed to be an engrosser.

4. Be it further enacted, that whoever commits any act of forestalling, regrating or engrossing, in violation of this act, shall be prosecuted as for a misdemeanor; and on conviction thereof, besides the fine assessed by the jury, which shall be not less than twenty nor more than five hundred dollars for each offence, he or they shall be imprisoned in the jail of the county or corporation where so tried and convicted, for a period not more than twelve months, at the discretion of the jury; and if it be committed by any person, firm or company, whether incorporated or not, trading under license duly obtained according to law, the said license shall be absolutely null and void from the time of his or their conviction.

5. Be it further enacted, that no person shall sell the products of his land, including any mineral thereof, necessary for the food and comfort of man or beast, during the first term of three months next after this act takes effect, at a price exceeding two hundred per centum on the price such products bore severally on the first day of May 1861, at the place or locality where they may be offered for sale; nor for more than one hundred and seventy-five per centum thereon during the second term of three months; nor for more than one hundred and fifty per centum during the third term of three months, and for six months after the ratification of a treaty of peace between the Confederate States and the United States; nor shall any subsequent purchaser of such products be allowed to sell the same at a profit exceeding twenty-five per centum on the cost to him: and no manufacturer or producer of any fabric or other article for the health, comfort or welfare of man or beast, shall sell the same at ; nor shall any mechanic, where materials are furnished by the consumer, charge a price exceeding two hundred per centum on the price of similar fabrics and other articles, on the first day of May 1861, at the place or locality where they may be offered for sale or manufactured, during the first term of three months next after this act shall take effect; nor for more than one hundred and seventy-five

per centum thereon during the second term of three months; nor for more than one hundred and fifty per centum thereon during the third term of three months, and for six months after the ratification of a treaty of peace between the Confederate States and the United States: and it shall be the duty of the county and corporation courts, at their first terms respectively after the passage of this act, or as soon as may be afterwards, to ascertain, as correctly as they can, the prices, in their several counties and corporations, of all these articles of produce and manufactures on the first day of May 1861; and by adding the per centum severally to the prices they then bore, they shall make out, in three different columns respectively, a fair and legible list of said articles, with the maximum price thus ascertained, and cause the said list and maximum prices to be posted, and kept posted on the front door of their respective courthouses and public markets, for public inspection. And if any of the said courts shall fail or neglect to perform these duties, each member thereof willfully neglecting such duty, shall be liable to a fine of one hundred dollars, recoverable by presentment, information or indictment, as for a misdemeanor: provided, however, that if, by reason of the high prices of materials for manufactures, or other cause, the cost of the material and manufacturing of the fabric or other article shall be equal to the maximum price of said fabric or other article where it may be offered for sale, then the manufacturer may, on notice to the commonwealth's attorney, or with his consent, without notice, move the county or corporation court where the said fabrics or other articles were made, or produced, for authority to sell or manufacture the same at a price not exceeding fifty per centum on the actual cost or the price for manufacture thereof; and upon proof of the truth of his application, the said court may grant him authority to sell or manufacture said fabrics or other articles at a maximum price not exceeding fifty per centum on the actual cost of said fabrics or manufactures: provided, however, that nothing in this act contained shall embrace or apply to the sale of land, slaves, tobacco or horses, or to any sheriff's sale, or sales of dead men's estates, or to sales under any deed of trust executed prior to the passage of this act: and provided further, that all persons who now have or may hereafter purchase salt for sale, shall be permitted to sell the same at a price not exceeding the price paid to the manufacturer where made, together with the cost of transportation on the same to the place where offered for sale, and twenty-five per centum upon the said prime cost and cost of transportation: and provided also, that the present holders of bacon, who cured the same, shall be allowed to sell the same at the cost thereof, together with twenty-five per centum upon the said cost.

6. Be it further enacted, that no person, firm or company, whether incorporated or not, who imports goods, wares or merchandise into this state from any other state of this Confederacy, shall sell the same, or any part thereof, at a greater profit than forty per centum by wholesale, or fifty per centum by retail, on the actual cost thereof: and after passing out of the hands of the importer, no person, firm or company shall afterwards sell the said goods, wares or mer-

chandise at any higher rate of profit than fifty per centum on the actual cost to him or them: provided, that no person who imports goods, wares or merchandise directly into this state, by running the blockade of the United States, shall be liable to any restrictions or limitations on profits on the sale thereof; but after they once pass out of the hands of the importer, no person shall afterwards sell them at a greater profit than fifty per centum on the actual cost to him or them.

7. Be it further enacted, that every county and corporation court in this commonwealth shall, as soon as possible after the passage of this act, regulate and prescribe the charges to be paid at all ordinaries, houses of private entertainment, boarding houses, restaurants and eating saloons in their respective counties and corporations; and shall thereafter fix the said rates semi-annually, at the May and November terms of their respective courts; and the keeper or keepers of all such establishments shall cause a copy of said rates, attested by the clerk, to be placed and kept constantly upon the front door, or at the entrance of such house or saloon; and if he shall fail or neglect to do so, he shall be subject to a fine of not less than five nor more than ten dollars for every day he so neglects or fails, recoverable as for a misdemeanor: provided, that during the war no person shall charge any non-commissioned officer or soldier in the military service of this state or the Confederate States, more than seventy-five cents per meal, or fifty cents for lodging.

8. Be it further enacted, that whoever shall knowingly violate any of the provisions or regulations prescribed in the 5th, 6th and 7th sections of this act, except for those violations for which penalties are therein prescribed, shall be deemed to be an extortioner, and shall be prosecuted by presentment, information or indictment as and for a high misdemeanor; shall be liable to a fine, for each offence, of not less than fifty nor more than one thousand dollars, at the discretion of the jury; and on conviction, shall be imprisoned in the county or corporation jail for a term not exceeding twelve months, at the discretion of the jury.

9. And be it further enacted, that as this act is intended to suppress avaricious and unpatriotic practices that tend to embarrass our government, and produce great suffering among our soldiers and people in the midst of war, it shall be construed remedially and liberally: and the county and corporation courts may, at any term, add to the list of articles and maximum prices made out at first, as prescribed in the fifth section, other articles and commodities, with the maximum prices ascertained in the same way, that may have been omitted in the original list.

10. Be it further enacted, that it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or company, or copartnership or association or combination of individuals, to export or to attempt to export, or cause to be exported or transported, for sale, by land or by water, or attempt to transport out of this commonwealth, to any other state or nation whatever, any goods, wares or merchandise, useful, singly or in combination, of manufactured fabric for the raiment of our soldiers and the people of

this state, including hats, boots, shoes and gloves, or any medicines, food or provisions necessary for the health or welfare of man or beast, except it be for the use of the army of this state or of the Confederate States, or by express license or authority from the governor of this commonwealth. And any person or persons, individually or in association, who shall willfully violate this section, by any act or attempt of exportation herein prohibited or forbidden, shall be deemed to be guilty of a high misdemeanor, and may be fined in a sum not to exceed the value of the goods so exported or attempted to be exported, transported or attempted to be transported, for sale; or in lieu thereof, the jury may find the goods forfeited to the use of our soldiers from the state of Virginia or Confederate States: and thereupon the court may make any order, and constitute any agency it may deem proper, to effect the purposes of the law and the verdict. But nothing in this act shall be construed to take effect on any thing which may be exported or transported to or for the use of the confederate army or government, or to or for our state army or government, or on any salt which has been or may be manufactured at the salt works of this state under any existing contract with any of the Confederate States, or under any contract existing on the 1st of February 1863, with companies or individuals, when in the original contract it was agreed upon and understood that the salt so manufactured was to be carried out of the state. And on affidavit of any credible witness, stating the fact of any such exportation or attempt at exportation or transportation, or attempt to transport out of this state any article, commodity or thing prohibited or forbidden by this section, any justice of the county or corporation in which any such act or attempt shall have been made, shall issue his warrant to arrest the person or persons so violating this section, and may appoint any person a special constable to execute the said warrant, and bring the offender or offenders before him, or some other justice of the county or corporation; and if the said justice shall, on the examination of such witnesses as may appear for and against the accused, including the informer, be of opinion that the matter should be further enquired into, he shall commit him or them to jail till the next grand jury term of the county, corporation or circuit court that may first come on, or take from him or them a recognizance in an amount equal to the value of the goods or things he or they were carrying or attempting to carry, or causing to be carried out of this state, with good and sufficient security, to appear at the said term of the court, to abide its action in the case. And the said justice is authorized and required to make any order necessary and proper for the preservation of the property, articles or things aforesaid, and cause them to be delivered to the said court, to abide its judgment, if the accused be convicted: provided, however, that if acquitted, the property in possession of the court, or under its control, shall be returned to the person or parties from whom it was taken; and if convicted, the informer, on whose affidavit the warrant of arrest was issued, or on whose evidence the prosecution began, shall be entitled to one-half of the said property, or of the fine assessed by the jury. But if it

shall appear to the satisfaction of the court before whom the party accused was tried, that there was no sufficient cause for his or their arrest, and the seizure of his or their property, the costs of the prosecution shall be adjudged against the informer; and the jury, in acquitting the accused, if they be of opinion and so agree that the prosecution was groundless or frivolous, shall assess against the informer such damages in behalf of the accused, as in the judgment of the jury he or they may have sustained in consequence of such arrest, seizure and imprisonment.

11. Be it further enacted, that if any of the courts shall fail or neglect to perform any of the duties prescribed by this act, each member thereof acting as such, willfully neglecting such duty, shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars for each offence, recoverable by presentment, information or indictment in the circuit court: and this act shall be specially given in charge to the grand juries of the county, corporation and circuit courts.

12. This act shall be in force on and after the _____ day of _____ 1863, and for the period of six months after the ratification of a treaty of peace between the Confederate States and the United States."

Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight moved the indefinite postponement of the bill; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 34, noes 59.

On motion of Mr. BASS, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Bailey, Baskerville, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Evans, Forbes, Fry, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, Magruder, Marye, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, Newton, Noland, Reid, Robertson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Thrash, Tyler, Williams, J. L. Wilson and Wynne—34.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dunn, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Franklin, Fulton, Gatewood, George, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Mallory, Mathews, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, S. M. Wilson, Woodhouse and Worsham—59.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge,

Resolved, that the bill be recommitted to the committee on extortion.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON,

Resolved, that the committee on extortion be enlarged by the addition of three members.

The SPEAKER announced the following members as added to the committee: Messrs. Anderson of Rockbridge, Wilson of Norfolk, and Forbes.

Mr. WILSON of Norfolk presented a bill upon the subject of extortion; which, on his motion, was referred to the committee on extortion, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BUFORD presented a bill on the subject of extortion; which, on his motion, was referred to the committee on extortion, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MAYO presented the petition of citizens of Henrico, praying that the fees of constables in said county might be increased; which was ordered to be referred to the committee for courts of justice.

No. 16. A senate bill entitled an act with regard to general and special elections of members of congress during the present war, was taken up, on motion of Mr. MAGRUDER, and on his motion, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. LOCKRIDGE, the house adjourned until Monday, 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Jeter of the Baptist church.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bills:

No. 89. A bill to stay proceedings on executions, trust deeds and other demands, in cases of refusal to receive payment in currency, and to repeal an act entitled an act to suspend sales and legal proceedings in certain cases, and to repeal an ordinance to provide against the sacrifice of property, and to suspend proceedings in certain cases, passed the 30th day of April 1861, by the convention of Virginia.

No. 90. A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend section 11 of chapter 29 of the Code, so as to exempt the property of persons in the military service of the state from distress for rent payable in money, passed February 19, 1862.

Mr. MALLORY, from the committee on military affairs, presented the following reports:

An adverse report to the resolution enquiring into the expediency of exempting from military service one deputy clerk for each county, and one deputy sheriff for every 12,000 inhabitants, and one for every county with less than 12,000 inhabitants.

An adverse report to the resolution enquiring into the expediency of repealing an act passed October 3, 1862, entitled an act to further provide for the public defence.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, reported the following bill:

No. 91. A bill imposing taxes for the support of government; which, on his motion, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

No. 55. A bill to provide for the appointment of general agents and storekeepers for counties and corporations, was taken up, on motion of Mr. GILMER.

The bill was then amended. The second section, as amended, being as follows:

"The court of any such county or corporation may, upon the credit thereof, at any regular term, all the justices thereof having been duly summoned, and a majority of them being present, borrow, for the purpose of carrying into effect the objects of this act, an amount of money not exceeding fifty thousand dollars at any one time; and such court shall have authority to prescribe the articles to

be purchased, and to fix the compensation of the agent; and to adopt such rules and regulations for the sale and distribution of such articles to the citizens."

Mr. RICHARDSON moved to amend the same, by adding thereto the following: "Provided, that the court shall adopt such rules and regulations as will give preference, in the sale and distribution of all articles of prime necessity, to the families of soldiers who now may be, or may have been in service; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. MALLORY demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 45, noes 35.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dunn, Eggleston, Fletcher, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, George, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Mallory, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, Orgain, Pitman, Richardson, Robertson, Staples, F. G. Taylor, Tomlin, Walker and Woodhouse—45.

NOES—Messrs. Barbour, Baskervill, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Cazenove, Coffman, Evans, Fleming, Forbes, Gilmer, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Jones, Kaufman, Mathews, A. W. McDonald, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Prince, Riddick, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tredway, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson and S. M. Wilson—35.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS, the rule was suspended, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the amendment submitted by Mr. RICHARDSON was adopted; and the question being on agreeing to the amendment, Mr. RICHARDSON, by leave of the house, modified his amendment, so as to add thereto the following: "giving priority to the families of soldiers disabled, or who have lost their lives in service, to the extent of their necessities, and to the most needy."

Mr. McDONALD of Hampshire moved to stike out the amendment submitted by Mr. RICHARDSON, and to insert in lieu thereof the following: "in such quantities and in such manner as will best conduce to the relief of the distress and wants of the community;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt demanded a division of the question; which was agreed to by the house: and the question then being on striking out the amendment submitted by Mr. RICHARDSON, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 48, noes 34.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Bailey, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Davis, Evans, Fleming, Forbes, Gilmer, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Jones, Kaufman, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mathews, A. W. McDonald, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Prince, Riddick, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tredway, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson and S. M. Wilson—48.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Crockett, Dunn, Eggleston, Ewing, Fletcher, Flood, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kyle, Lively, Mallory, I. E. McDonald, Montague, Orgain, Pitman, Richardson, Robertson, Staples, F. G. Taylor, Tomlin, Vermillion, Walker and Woodhouse—34.

The question recurring on agreeing to the amendment submitted by Mr. McDONALD, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The bill was then further amended.

Mr. BURKS moved to amend the bill, by striking out the sixth section. Pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. GILMER, the bill and amendments were laid upon the table until to-morrow at 12½ o'clock.

No. 68. A bill to authorize county and corporation courts to cause impressments to be made of certain articles for county purposes, was taken up, on motion of Mr. BUFORD, read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. JONES, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Jeter of the Baptist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Feb. 9, 1863.

The senate have passed house bill entitled:

An act to amend and re-enact section 12 of an act passed March 29, 1861, incorporating the Rockbridge insurance company, No. 60.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bill:

No. 92. A bill to amend and re-enact the 6th section of an act passed 19th March 1861, entitled an act to suspend sales and legal proceedings in certain cases.

No. 93. A bill to amend and re-enact an act concerning the work-house to be established in the city of Richmond, and persons employed therein and about the public works of said city.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the same committee, presented an adverse report to a resolution enquiring into the expediency of amending section 11 of chapter 200 of the Code of 1860, so as to increase the punishment for the offences therein prescribed.

Mr. BASS, from the committee of claims, presented the following bill:

No. 94. A bill for the relief of George W. Chambers.

Mr. BASKERVILL, from the committee of roads and internal navigation, presented the following bill:

No. 95. A bill to convert into stock, to be held by the state, the interest in arrear due by the South side rail road to the state.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill:

No. 96. A bill appropriating the public revenue for the fiscal year 1862-63; which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

No. 43. A senate bill entitled an act authorizing the sale of the Roanoke valley rail road, was taken up, read a second and third times; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? Pending the consideration of which,

No. 55. A bill to provide for the appointment of general agents

and storekeepers for counties and corporations, was taken up, under a previous order of the house; and the question being on agreeing to the amendment heretofore submitted by Mr. BURKS, to strike out the 6th section, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The bill was then further amended, and as amended, read a second time; and the question being—Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time? was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 75, noes 15.

On motion of Mr. RUTHERFOORD, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bayse, Bigger, Boston, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Crockett, Custis, Daniel, Davis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Harrison, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, Rutherford, Shannon, Staples, Thomas, Thrash, Tomlin, Tyler, Vaden, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, S. M. Wilson and Woolfolk—75.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Bass, Fleming, Hunt, Newton, Reid, Richardson, Robertson, Robinson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, Vermillion and J. L. Wilson—15.

No. 43. A senate bill entitled an act authorizing the sale of the Roanoke valley rail road, being the unfinished business, was taken up; and the question being—Shall the bill pass?

On motion of Mr. BASKERVILL,

Resolved, that the rule be suspended, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to its third reading.

The bill was then amended, and as amended, read a second time, and ordered to be read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? on motion of Mr. RUTHERFOORD, the bill was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, in response to a resolution of the house, giving certain information concerning the Eastern lunatic asylum; which was read, and referred to the committee on lunatic asylums.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, in response to a resolution of the house, adopted on the 28th of January, enclosing reports from the quartermaster general, the paymaster general, and the clerk of the auditing board; which was read, and referred to the committee on military affairs.

An adverse report of the committee on military affairs, as to certain resolutions to enquire into the expediency of exempting one deputy clerk and one deputy sheriff for every 12,000 inhabitants of a county, was taken up, on motion of Mr. RIVES, and recommitted to the committee.

Mr. BUFORD presented a bill to establish an inspection of tobacco at Keen's warehouse in the town of Danville; which, on his motion, was referred to the committee on agriculture and manufactures.

On motion of Mr. BURKS,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the act entitled an act amending and re-enacting the second section of chapter 22 of the Code of Virginia, respecting persons exempt from all military duties,

and providing the mode of exemption, passed February 18, 1862, as to exempt county surveyors.

Mr. FORBES presented the petition of Wm. M. Hume, sheriff of Fauquier county, asking the payment of a claim for conveying a lunatic to the asylum at Williamsburg; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on finance.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON,

Resolved, that the committee on banks be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending an act, passed March 13, 1862, entitled an act to convert the branch of the Northwestern Bank of Virginia at Jeffersonville into a separate and independent bank, as to extend the time for the return and transfer of stock held by certain citizens mentioned in the 5th section of said act, and further to restore to loyal stockholders any interests or rights which may have enured to the state under said act.

On motion of Mr. McDONALD of Hampshire, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Jeter of the Baptist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Feb. 10, 1863.

The senate have passed bills entitled:

An act to amend the first, third, fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth and tenth sections of an act to further provide for the public defence, passed October 3, 1862, No. 26.

An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend section 11 of chapter 29 of the Code, so as to exempt the property of persons in the military service of the state from distress for rent payable in money, passed February 19, 1862, No. 46.

An act to enlarge the powers of the circuit courts of the several counties and corporations in cases of attachments against non-residents, No. 49.

In which they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The following senate bills were read a first and second times, and referred to the committee for courts of justice:

No. 26. A bill entitled an act to amend the first, third, fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth and tenth sections of an act to further provide for the public defence, passed October 3, 1862.

No. 46. A bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend section 11 of chapter 29 of the Code, so as to exempt the property of persons in the military service of the state from distress for rent payable in money, passed February 19, 1862.

No. 49. A bill entitled an act to enlarge the powers of the circuit

courts of the several counties and corporations in cases of attachments against non-residents.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the committee on military affairs, to whom had been recommitted the resolution enquiring into the expediency of exempting from military service one deputy sheriff for every 12,000 inhabitants in each county, and for every county with less than 12,000, or such other relief as may be necessary, presented a report asking to be relieved from the further consideration of the resolution.

No. 59. A bill authorizing the payment of a sum of money to B. B. & J. W. Cooley, for a slave condemned to be hung, was taken up, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 87. A bill to amend the 2d section of an act concerning the estate of John Haskins, senior, a lunatic, passed January 24, 1839, was taken up, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. MALLORY carry the same to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence therein.

Mr. EVANS presented the memorial of Wm. S. Clark, for relief from a presentment in the county court of Essex county; which was ordered to be referred to the committee for courts of justice.

On motion of Mr. GARRISON,

Resolved, that a select committee appointed to enquire into the loyalty of the judges of the commonwealth, be revived, and that the same do enquire into the expediency of impeaching Judge E. P. Pitts for disloyalty to the commonwealth of Virginia; and the said committee is hereby instructed to report the order of proceedings necessary to the trial, as well as articles of impeachment, in case the same be deemed advisable by the committee.

No. 52. An engrossed bill for the relief of Thomas Littleton, jailor of Loudoun county, was taken up, on motion of Mr. HARRISON, read a third time and passed—Ayes 85.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Borton, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Cazenove, Clarke, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dunn, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, George, Grattan, Green, Harrison, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Ruthersford, P. Saunders, Shannon, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward, West, Williams, Woodhouse and Woolfolk—85.

Ordered, that Mr. HARRISON carry the same to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence therein.

No. 74. A bill to amend an act passed 17th May 1862, entitled an act to authorize a force of ten thousand men to be raised for the defence of the commonwealth, was taken up, on motion of Mr. ANDERSON, read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, was read a second time; and the question being—Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time? on motion of Mr. BURKS, the bill was recommitted to the committee on military affairs.

On motion of Mr. FLEMING,

Resolved, that the committee of privileges and elections be instructed to enquire if any, and what legislation is necessary to enable county courts to order elections for county officers in cases where, on account of the temporary occupation of any county by the public enemy, or from other causes, elections have not been held at the time prescribed by law.

On motion of Mr. LOCKRIDGE,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice take into consideration the expediency of reporting a bill punishing persons who are going through the country purchasing supplies, professing to be agents of the government, or agents for aid societies.

Mr. AMBERS presented the petition of Col. William B. Ball, praying to be relieved from payment of money for shoes furnished a volunteer company; which, on his motion, was referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. BUFORD submitted the following resolution:

Resolved (with the concurrence of the senate), that a joint committee be appointed, to consist of seven members of the senate and eleven of the house, to examine into the subjects embraced in the several bills reported to the two houses, in relation to general and special elections, and providing the mode of ascertaining and filling existing and future vacancies in either house of the general assembly, with a view to harmonize and embody, as far as practicable, such legislation as may have been proposed, or be deemed necessary on said subjects.

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, that Mr. BUFORD carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 55. An engrossed bill to provide for the appointment of general agents and storekeepers for counties and corporations, was taken up, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. BUFORD carry the same to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MAYO,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of amending section 42, chapter 87 of the Code, to increase the amount paid for each cask, hogshead or other parcel of tobacco weighing not less than five hundred pounds, for the use of the state.

On motion of Mr. MARYE,

Resolved, that the committee of privileges and elections be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the holding of elections for county officers in those counties wherein no elections have been held at the time appointed therefor by existing laws, because of the presence of the public enemy.

Mr. ORGAIN presented the petition of Mrs. Mary S. Bagley, concerning the valuation of a condemned slave by the county court of Lunenburg; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on finance.

No. 85. A bill making an additional appropriation for the Central lunatic asylum, was taken up, read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The resolution heretofore reported from the special committee in relation to making the notes of the Confederate States a legal tender, was taken up, on motion of Mr. HUNTER.

Mr. HUNTER moved that the report be laid on the table, and be made the order of the day for Friday next at 1 o'clock.

Mr. BUFORD demanded a division of the question; which was agreed to by the house; and the question being—Shall the resolution be laid upon the table? Mr. HUNTER moved the indefinite postponement of the report; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. WEST demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 19, noes 64.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, Cazenove, Clarke, Edmunds, Fletcher, Garrison, Grattan, Hunter, Jones, Lively, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Reid, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders and Thrash—19.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dunn, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, George, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lockridge, Lundy, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, McLaughlin, Montague, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Prince, Rives, Robertson, Rowan, Shannon, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward, West, Williams, Woolfolk and Wynne—64.

The question recurring on laying the resolution on the table, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question then being on making the resolution the order of the day for Friday next at 1 o'clock, Mr. BURKS demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative.

Mr. DAVIS moved that the rule be suspended, with a view of taking up, out of its order,

No. 72. A bill allowing the Lynchburg, Franklin, Citizens and Washington building fund associations to purchase their stock; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put; and it appearing that no quorum voted,

On motion of Mr. VADEN, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Jeter of the Baptist church.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the committee for courts of justice, to whom had been referred the following senate bills, reported the same without amendment:

No. 46. A senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend section 11 of chapter 29 of the Code, so as to exempt the property of persons in the military service of the state from distress for rent payable in money, passed February 19, 1862.

No. 49. A senate bill entitled an act to enlarge the powers of the circuit courts of the several counties and corporations in cases of attachments against non-residents.

Mr. McCAMANT, from the special committee on salt, presented the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, after due investigation, the testimony of the officers of the Virginia and Tennessee rail road company has convinced us, that for want of machinery, sufficient transportation cannot be furnished for supplying the people of Virginia and the other Confederate States dependent upon the Washington and Smyth county salines, with the necessary quantity of salt, without the detail of a sufficient number of hands by the confederate government for their work shops, and for preparing lumber :

Resolved by the general assembly, that a committee of three on the part of the house and two on the part of the senate be appointed to confer on this subject with the proper department of the confederate government, and to urge, in the strongest terms, the necessity of such detail.

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, that Mr. MAGRUDER carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Mr. ROBERTSON, from the committee on banks, to whom had been referred the resolution enquiring into the expediency of amending section 3 of chapter 56 of the Code of 1860. presented a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. FLOOD,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of assuming Virginia's quota of the confederate tax for the fiscal year; and if they deem it expedient to assume, that they further enquire into the best means of paying it with the least burden to the commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. WOOLFOLK,

Resolved, that leave be given to withdraw from the files of this house for the session of 1861 and 1862, house bill 54, and that the same be referred to the special committee on free negroes.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution adopted on yesterday, in relation to the impeachment of Judge Pitts, viz: Messrs. Hunter, Garrison, McKinney, Harrison, Burks, Magruder, Baker, McDonald of Hampshire, and Prince.

Mr. WEST moved a suspension of the rule, with a view of taking up and considering

No. 49. A senate bill entitled an act to enlarge the powers of the circuit courts of the several counties and corporations in cases of attachments against non-residents; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. GRATTAN demanded the previous question; which

was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 16, noes 69.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, Bayse, Bigger, Cazenove, Clarke, Eggleston, Fry, Fulton, Marye, Richardson, Robinson, Shannon, Sherrard, F. G. Taylor, J. L. Wilson and Woolfolk—16.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskervill, Bass, Booton, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Coffman, Crockett, Custis, Davis, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Grattan, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lundy, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Waid, West, Williams, Woodhouse and Wright—69.

No. 12. A senate bill entitled an act to enlarge the powers of the common council of the city of Richmond, was taken up, on motion of Mr. WYNNE, read a second time, amended, and as amended, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence therein.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. ARMSTRONG, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to a joint resolution for a committee in reference to the election laws, with an amendment: in which amendment they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

Subsequently, the amendment was taken up and concurred in.

Ordered, that Mr. BUFORD inform the senate thereof.

No. 43. A senate bill entitled an act authorizing the sale of the Roanoke valley rail road, was taken up, on motion of Mr. BASKERVILL, further amended, and as amended, read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? Mr. PRINCE demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 74, noes 15.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baskervill, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Bradford, Buford, Cazenove, Clarke, Crockett, Daniel, Ewing, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, George, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, F. G. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tonlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wright—74.

NOES—Messrs. Baker, Burks, Coffman, Eggleston, Fletcher, Forbes, Green, Harrison, Hunt, Jordan, Lively, A. W. McDonald, Robertson, Staples and R. F. Taylor—15.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. MARYE,

Resolved, that a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to enquire and report to this house whether the use and control of the rail roads in this state, exercised by the confederate government, may not be so regulated as the better to secure the transportation of commodities for private use, whenever said government is not actually employing the entire means of transportation aforesaid. Such committee to have power to send for and examine

such officers of said rail road companies as can afford the requisite information; and to be further empowered to confer with the proper authorities of the confederate government upon the subject.

On motion of Mr. KAUFMAN, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock,

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Jeter of the Baptist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Feb. 12, 1863.

The senate have passed house bill entitled:

An act for the relief of Thomas Littleton, jailor of Loudoun county, No. 52.

They have agreed to house resolution for the appointment of a joint committee of the two houses, to confer with the confederate authorities in regard to detail of hands for work on the Virginia and Tennessee rail road.

ROBERT HILL CARTER, a delegate elected from the county of Albemarle, to supply a vacancy created by the resignation of Franklin Minor, appeared, was qualified, and took his seat.

The oaths of office were administered by the SPEAKER to Wm. H. Freeman, first doorkeeper of the house of delegates.

Mr. NEWTON, from the committee on finance, to whom had been referred

No. 32. A senate bill entitled an act for the relief of Josiah Wynn of Lee county, reported the same, with the recommendation that it do not pass.

Mr. NEWTON, from the same committee, presented the following bill:

No. 96. A bill concerning the salaries of certain officers of government.

Mr. NEWTON, from the same committee, presented the following reports:

An adverse report to the petition of Ferdinand Woltz and Jacob A. Harney, asking to have refunded a license tax to keep an ordinary.

An adverse report to the petition of Peter Hennebarger, to have an erroneous assessment of lands corrected.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the committee on military affairs, presented an adverse report to a resolution enquiring into the expediency of amending an act amending and re-enacting the 2d section of chapter 22 of the Code, so as to exempt county surveyors.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the same committee, to whom had been re-committed, on it second reading,

No. 74. A bill to amend an act passed 17th May 1862, entitled an act to authorize a force of ten thousand men to be raised for the de-

fence of the commonwealth, presented a substitute for the same; which, on his motion, was ordered to be printed.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the same committee, to whom had been referred certain joint resolutions of the senate, expressing the high appreciation of the general assembly of the patriotic fortitude and devotion displayed by the women of Virginia from the commencement of the present war, and proposing that a suitable monument should be erected to commemorate their many virtues, reported the same, with the recommendation that they do pass.

Mr. ORGAIN, from the committee on agriculture and manufactures, presented the following bill:

No. 97. A bill to establish an inspection of tobacco at Keen's warehouse in the town of Danville.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of amending section 2 of chapter 213 of the Code of 1860.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee, under a resolution adopted on yesterday, in relation to transportation on rail roads, viz: Messrs. Marye, Wynne, Bass, Ambers, and Wilson of Isle of Wight.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee, under a joint resolution adopted on yesterday, in relation to the election laws, viz: Messrs. Buford, Bouldin, Baker, Green, Saunders of Franklin, Magruder, McDonald of Hampshire, Forbes, Cazenove, Wilson of Norfolk, and Prince.

Mr. HOPKINS, from the committee on extortion, to whom had been recommitted, on its second reading,

No. 27. A bill to suppress extortion, presented a substitute therefor; which, on his motion, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg,

Resolved, that the committee on extortion be continued, and that said committee have power to send for persons and papers.

No. 85. An engrossed bill making an additional appropriation for the Central lunatic asylum, was taken up, read a third time and passed—Ayes 71, noes 8.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bradford, Buford, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffman, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Lively, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, Murchaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion, Ward, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wright—71.

NOES—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Bayse, Fletcher, George, Green, Johnson, Kyle and Prince—8.

Ordered, that Mr. RIVES carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence therein.

Subsequently, the message having been communicated!

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Resolved, that the senate be requested to return the bill.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. EARLY, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the resolution, and the bill was returned accordingly.

On motion of Mr. JONES, the rule was suspended, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 81, No 1.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffield (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskervill, Bass, Bayse, Booton, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffman, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, George, Grattan, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Magruder, Matthews, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion, Ward, West, Williams and Woolfolk—81.

No—Mr. Johnson—1.

The title was then amended, so as to read “An act making an appropriation for the Central lunatic asylum.”

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence therein.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. EARLY, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed house bill entitled an act amending and re-enacting the first and second sections of an act entitled an act to repeal the fence law of Virginia as to certain counties, and to authorize the county courts to dispense with enclosures in other counties, passed October 3, 1862, and to legalize the action of county courts held under said law, with amendments: in which amendments they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

Subsequently, the amendments were taken up and agreed to.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

No. 49. A bill authorizing the issue of treasury notes of a less denomination than one-dollar, was taken up, on motion of Mr. BOOTON, amended, and as amended, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee on the part of the house, under a joint resolution in relation to detail of hands for work on the Virginia and Tennessee rail road: Messrs. Magruder, McCamant, and Anderson of Rockbridge.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

Resolved, that leave be given to withdraw from the files of this house, the petition of S. Wiatt, filed at the session of 1861–2, and that the same be referred to the committee of propositions and grievances.

Mr. PITMAN submitted the following resolution; which being objected to, was laid over under the rule:

Resolved, that when this house adjourns on Saturday the 14th instant, it will adjourn to meet on Monday at 11 o'clock, and at that hour on every day thereafter until otherwise ordered.

Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight moved a suspension of the rule, with a view to take up and consider

No. 78. A bill authorizing fiduciaries to invest funds in their hands in certain cases, and for other purposes; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 9, noes 68.

On motion of Mr. WEST, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, Fleming, Orgain, Shannon, Sherrard, Thomas, Vermillion, J. L. Wilson and Woolfolk—9.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bass, Bayse, Booton, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Cazenove, Coffman, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Fletcher, Flood, Franklin, Gatewood, George, Grattan, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Magruder, Mathews, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, Murdaugh, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tomlin, Ward, West, Williams and Wright—68.

No. 37. A senate bill entitled an act amending and re-enacting an ordinance of the convention concerning the aids of the governor, with the amendment thereto reported from the committee on military affairs, was taken up.

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill was then further amended, and as amended, read the second and third times, and passed—Ayes 66, noes 9.

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskervill, Bass, Bayse, Booton, Bradford, Buford, Burks, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coffman, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, George, Grattan, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Mathews, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Rutherford, Shannon, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tredway, Vermillion, Ward, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Woolfolk—66.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Cazenove, H. L. Hopkins, Laidley, Magruder, I. E. McDonald, Noland, R. C. Saunders and Tomlin—9.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Walker of the Baptist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Feb. 13, 1863.

The senate have passed house bills entitled:

An act to amend the 2d section of an act concerning the estate of John Haskins, senior, a lunatic, passed January 24, 1839, No. 87.

An act changing the time of holding the circuit courts of the fourteenth judicial circuit, No. 56.

They have agreed to the amendments proposed by the house of delegates to senate bills entitled :

An act authorizing the sale of the Roanoke valley rail road, No. 43.

An act to enlarge the powers of the common council of the city of Richmond, No. 12.

They have adopted a joint resolution in relation to an increase of pay of the non-commissioned officers and privates in the confederate army.

In which resolution they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The resolution from the senate was laid on the table.

Mr. JONES, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bill :

No. 98. A bill to extend the time within which to institute proceedings on prosecutions for misdemeanors, in counties, cities and towns in possession of or threatened by the enemy.

Mr. JONES, from the same committee, to whom had been referred

No. 26. A senate bill entitled an act to amend the first, third, fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth and tenth sections of an act to further provide for the public defence, passed October 3, 1862, reported the same with an amendment thereto by way of substitute ; which, on his motion, was ordered to be printed.

Mr. ORGAIN, from the committee on agriculture and manufactures, presented the following bill :

No. 99. A bill to incorporate the Chestnut creek mining company of the county of Carroll.

Mr. EDMUNDS, from the committee on finance, presented the following report :

An adverse report to the petition of Mrs. Mary S. Bagley, concerning the valuation of a condemned slave by the county court of Lunenburg.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER,

Resolved, that the committee on banks enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill authorizing the Monticello Bank to increase its contingent fund.

Mr. HUNTER, from the committee appointed to consider the expediency of impeaching Judge E. P. Pitts, presented a report, asking that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Resolved, that the governor be respectfully requested to communicate to the house of delegates the compensation agreed to be paid to Dr. J. J. Moorman, for his services as state agent for the delivery of salt at Saltville ; also the compensation of the agents for each congressional district.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of amending the 39th section of chapter 184 of the Code, edition of 1860, so as to increase the allowance to clerks and sheriffs for public services.

Mr. REID submitted the following resolution; which being objected to, lies over under the rule:

Resolved, that when this house adjourns on Thursday the 26th instant, it will, with the consent of the senate, adjourn sine die.

Mr. ROBERTSON, from the committee on banks, presented the following bill:

No. 100. A bill authorizing the Monticello Bank to increase its contingent fund.

Mr. LOCKRIDGE presented the petition of citizens of Bath county, praying the removal of free negro convicts from the public works in that county; which was referred to the committee for courts of justice.

Mr. DABNEY presented the memorial of Cadet William A. Daniel; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on military affairs.

No. 41. An engrossed bill authorizing the branch of the Exchange Bank of Virginia at Richmond to declare a dividend, was taken up, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence.

Mr. BRADFORD submitted the following resolutions; which being objected to, were laid over under the rule:

1. Resolved by the general assembly of Virginia, that the governor of this commonwealth had no authority to commission officers of the state line, except such as is conferred by the act entitled an act to authorize a force of ten thousand men to be raised for the defence of the commonwealth, passed May 15, 1862.

2. Resolved, that the paymaster general of the state of Virginia is hereby instructed to pay only such officers of the state line as have been commissioned in accordance with the provisions of said act.

On motion of Mr. FLEMING,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending the criminal laws so as to provide a more summary mode for the trial of persons charged with the crime of horse stealing.

On motion of Mr. CARTER of Albemarle,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill refunding to James F. Woodson the amount of a license tax paid by him in 1861, which he could not use in consequence of being called into the military service of the Confederate States.

The resolution heretofore submitted by Mr. PITMAN, changing the hour of meeting to 11 o'clock on and after Monday next, was taken up; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 48, noes 29.

On motion of Mr. TOMLIN, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Carpenter, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Edmunds, Ewing, Fletcher, Flood, Fulton, Gatewood, George, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, James, Johnson, Jordan, Lively, Lockridge, Mathews, McLaughlin, Montague, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Vermillion, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Worsham and Wynne—48.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Bradford, Buford, Burks, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Fleming, Forbes, Fry, Green, Hunter, Jones, Magruder, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, Murdaugh, Newton, Richardson, Riddick, Robertson, P. Saunders, Staples, Tomlin, Ward and S. M. Wilson—29.

On motion of Mr. BIGGER,

Resolved, that the committee of claims be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill for the payment to Henry Exall, for a plan for a change of the hall of the house of delegates, furnished at the session of 1859-60.

On motion of Mr. TREDWAY,

Resolved, that the committee of propositions and grievances enquire into the expediency of incorporating the Farmville insurance company.

On motion of Mr. MCKINNEY,

Resolved, that the committee on finance be requested to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill refunding to John Mason and others of the county of Buckingham the sum of dollars, erroneously paid by them as a penalty for failure to take out license to distill ardent spirits from fruit.

On motion of Mr. BURKS,

Resolved, that the governor of the commonwealth be requested to communicate to the house of delegates the number of negro convicts now in the employment of any iron works or other works or companies, under the act passed 7th April 1858, and the act passed 6th December 1861, amendatory thereof, concerning negro convicts on the public works; the several works or companies in which they are employed, and under what contract: and farther to communicate what rules and regulations have been prescribed to insure the safe keeping of such convicts while thus employed.

On motion of Mr. GREEN,

Resolved, that the committee on the penitentiary enquire into the expediency of so amending the 31st section of chapter 213 of the Code of 1860, as to the prices of manufactured goods, fixed by the superintendent to be approved by the board of directors, with power in the board to increase but not diminish the prices so fixed by the superintendent.

No. 74. A bill to amend and re-enact an act passed May 17, 1862, entitled an act to authorize a force of ten thousand men to be raised for the defence of the commonwealth, with amendments thereto, heretofore reported from the committee on military affairs, was taken up; and the question being on agreeing to the amendment, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The bill as amended was then read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Mr. BIGGER asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the house, bill 159 of the session of 1859-60.

Mr. FLEMING moved that the senate be requested to return to the house of delegates, senate bill No. 39, amending and re-enacting an ordinance of the convention concerning the aids of the governor; and the question being on agreeing to the motion, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 34, noes 39.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt, the vote was recorded as follows :

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Bigger, Carpenter, Cecil, Daniel, Fleming, Flood, George, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Laidley, Lockridge, Magruder, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Newton, Orgain, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, Thomas, Tomlin, Ward, West and Worsham—34.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bayse, Booton, Bradford, Burks, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Crockett, Edmunds, Fletcher, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, Murdaugh, Noland, Pitman, Rives, Rowan, Shannon, Thrash, Tredway, J. L. Wilson and S. M. Wilson—39.

No. 46. A senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend section 11 of chapter 29 of the Code, so as to exempt the property of persons in the military service of the state from distress for rent payable in money, passed February 19 1862, with the amendments thereto proposed by the committee for courts of justice, was taken up.

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill as amended was then read a second and third times and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 49. A senate bill entitled an act to enlarge the powers of the circuit courts of the several counties and corporations in cases of attachment against non-residents, with the amendment thereto proposed by the committee for courts of justice, was taken up.

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill as amended was then read a second and third times and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 32. A senate bill entitled an act for the relief of Josiah Wynn of Lee county, was taken up and read a second time; and the question being—Shall the bill be read a third time? was put, and decided in the negative.

Whereupon, the SPEAKER announced that the bill was rejected.

The following engrossed bills were read a third time and passed :

No. 41. An engrossed bill authorizing the branch of the Exchange Bank of Virginia at Richmond to declare a dividend.

No. 59. An engrossed bill authorizing the payment of a sum of money to B. B. & J. W. Cooley, for a slave condemned to be hung—Ayes 66.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Bradford, Buford, Burks, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Coffman, Crockett, Dabney, Daniel, Edmunds, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Gatewood, George, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Johnson, Jones, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Magruder, Mathews, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Robertson, Rowan, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Staples, Thomas, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion, Ward, West, Williams, S. M. Wilson and Worsham—66.

No. 62. An engrossed bill to legalize the records, proceedings and acts of the county court of Spotsylvania county, at the terms of said

court held during the year 1862, at places in the said county other than the courthouse thereof.

No. 73. An engrossed bill incorporating the Submarine battery joint stock company.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the foregoing bills to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence therein.

The following engrossed bills were read a third time, and on motions severally made, laid on the table :

No. 53. An engrossed bill authorizing the payment of interest on bonds given for the Confederate States war tax after the day of payment.

No. 71. An engrossed bill amending an act entitled an act for the relief of the securities of William Paris, late sheriff of Appomattox county, passed January 31, 1863.

No. 49. An engrossed bill authorizing the issue of treasury notes of a less denomination than one dollar, was taken up and read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? Pending the consideration thereof,

On motion of Mr. BUFORD, the house adjourned until Monday, 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Doggett of the Methodist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows :

IN SENATE, Feb. 14, 1863.

The senate have passed bills entitled :

An act to amend the act passed March 10th, 1862, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an ordinance extending the jurisdiction of the county courts in certain cases, passed by the convention on the 26th June 1861, No. 51.

An act to amend the 6th section of chapter 200 of the Code, in relation to the sale of free negroes, No. 57.

In which they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The following senate bills were read a first and second times, and referred to the committee for courts of justice :

No. 51. A senate bill entitled an act to amend the act passed March 10, 1862, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an ordinance extending the jurisdiction of the county courts in certain cases, passed by the convention on the 26th day of June 1861.

No. 57. A senate bill entitled an act to amend the sixth section of chapter 200 of the Code, in relation to the sale of free negroes.

Mr. EDMUNDS, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill :

No. 101. A bill authorizing the payment of a certain sum of money to Wm. M. Hume, sheriff of Fauquier county.

Mr. ROBERTSON presented the following preamble and resolutions :

The house of delegates, learning the temporary presence at the seat of government of Maj. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart, in whom Virginia recognizes with pride one of the most gallant of her sons :

Resolved, that Maj. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart be invited to a seat of privilege on the floor of the house during his stay in this city.

Resolved, that two members of the house be appointed by the SPEAKER to convey to him this invitation, and introduce him into the hall.

The question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution : Messrs. Robertson and Crockett.

On motion of Mr. BURKS,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire whether, under the constitution of Virginia, the present session of the general assembly is to be considered as a continuation of the session held in May last, and report to the house as speedily as practicable.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, from the special committee on extortion, to which authority had been granted to send for persons and papers, presented the following report :

Whereas Joseph H. Crenshaw, agent of the Crenshaw woolen manufacturing company, and George Whitfield, president of the Richmond paper manufacturing company, having been duly summoned to attend a meeting of the committee, and failing to appear :

Resolved, that Joseph H. Crenshaw and George Whitfield having failed to appear before the special committee of this house on extortionate prices, in obedience to a summons duly served on them for that purpose, it is ordered that the SPEAKER of this house do issue attachments against them, to appear at the bar of the house, to answer for their contempt of the authority of this house, and further to abide the judgment of the house in the premises.

Objection being made to the consideration of the resolution of the committee [the SPEAKER deciding that if objected to it would be laid over under the rule], Mr. HOPKINS moved to suspend the rule, with a view to consider the resolution this day ; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. McDONALD of Wyoming demanded the previous question ; which was sustained by the house ; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, Mr. FORBES moved to amend the resolution, by striking out all after the word "issue," and inserting the following : "summonses to be served upon the said Joseph H. Crenshaw and George Whitfield, to appear at the bar of this house at 12 o'clock to-morrow, and show cause why they should not be fined and imprisoned for their contempt in failing to obey the summons of its committee : said summonses to be returned at 12 o'clock to-morrow ;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The resolution as amended was then agreed to.

No. 74. An engrossed bill to amend and re-enact an act passed

May 17, 1862, entitled an act to authorize a force of ten thousand men to be raised for the defence of the commonwealth, was taken up, read a third time and passed.

On motion, the title was amended, so as to read as follows: "A bill to authorize the reorganization of the state troops under the command of Major General John B. Floyd."

Ordered, that Mr. HUNTER carry the same to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence.

Mr. ROBERTSON presented the following preamble and resolutions; which, on his motion, were laid on the table:

The general assembly of Virginia, moved by a deep sense of the importance, at this time, of raising, above all things, an abundance of provisions and of forage for the uses of our armies and of the people at large—confident in our ample resources of production, as well as in the public spirit and patriotic zeal of our citizens, and fearing no deficiency or serious inconvenience, beyond what at all times may occur from unfavorable seasons, except such as might result from over confidence in those resources, or from not sufficiently adverting to the large space of our territory temporarily disabled from furnishing its usual contribution to the public wants, and to other considerable portions of the Confederacy cut off for the present from their usual sources of supply—but still deeming it their highest duty to guard as far as possible against even the chance of so great a calamity as a scarcity of provisions, do, therefore,

Resolve, 1st, that they earnestly recommend to every citizen of the state, that he shall aim to increase greatly beyond his usual amount, all his agricultural products of every kind whatever; his grain and his grass crops; his live stock; his fruits and his garden vegetables—every thing, indeed, that goes to the sustenance of man and beast, before he shall apply his labor to any other object or employment whatever—that he constantly practice frugality in using his resources of food, and bear in mind always to consume first what is most perishable, in order that he may husband his whole stock to the best advantage: and they enjoin it upon, and make it the special charge of every justice of the peace throughout all the state not occupied by the enemy, to visit his neighbors, and urge it upon them to act promptly and effectively on this recommendation, as a work of true patriotism, a sacred duty to the cause of the independence and safety of the Confederate States, and as furnishing to the world the evidence of their firm and immovable determination to incur every sacrifice, and to omit no effort that may be necessary to the success of that holy cause:

2d. That as many copies of the foregoing preamble and resolution, attested by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, as they shall deem expedient, be printed in such form as they may direct, for the use of the members of the general assembly, to be by them sent to the justices of their counties, and otherwise disseminated, so as best to advance the object in view.

No. 78. A bill authorizing fiduciaries to invest funds in their hands in certain cases, and for other purposes, was taken up, read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, enclosing a communication from the governor of South Carolina, transmitting certain acts and resolutions of the legislature of that state, in relation to the guarantee by the state of the bonds of the Confederate States; which were ordered to be referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. NEWTON presented the following preamble and resolution; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative:

This house having learned with pleasure the presence in this city of Major Gen. A. P. Hill, whose name is conspicuously associated with the most brilliant achievements of our arms:

Resolved, that Major General A. P. Hill be invited to occupy a privileged seat in this house during his sojourn in this city, and that the SPEAKER appoint two members to convey this invitation to Gen. Hill, and to introduce him to the house.

The question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Newton and Fry.

Major Gen. J. E. B. Stuart, attended by Messrs. Robertson of the city of Richmond and Crockett of Wythe, appeared in the hall, and was introduced to the SPEAKER, and through him to the house of delegates, by Mr. Robertson. The house rose to receive him. General Stuart was then received by the SPEAKER, and having returned his acknowledgments for the honor conferred upon him, took the seat assigned to him.

Major General Ambrose Powell Hill, attended by Messrs. Newton of Westmoreland and Fry of Madison, appeared in the hall and was introduced to the SPEAKER, and through him to the house of delegates, by Mr. Newton. The house rose to receive him. Gen. Hill was then received by the SPEAKER, and having returned his acknowledgments for the honor conferred upon him, took the seat assigned to him.

Mr. REID moved to take up the resolution heretofore submitted by him, fixing the time for the adjournment of the general assembly; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 43, noes 34.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Carpenter, Cecil, Clarke, Coffmah, Crockett, Edmunds, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Fulton, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, James, Johnson, Jordan, Lively, Lundy, Mallory, Mathews, Mayo, McLaughlin, Montague, Orgain, Reid, Robinson, Shannon, Staples, F. G. Taylor, Thrash, Tredway, Vermillion, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Worsham—43.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Baker, Bradford, Buford, Burks, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Dabney, Forbes, Gatewood, George, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, Jones, Laidley, Magruder, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, Murdaugh, Newton, Pitman, Richardson, Riddick, Robertson, P. Saunders, Thomas, Tomlin, Ward, Wright and Wynne—34.

The resolutions heretofore submitted by Mr. BRADFORD, in relation to the commissions of officers of the state line, and the pay of the

same, were taken up, on his motion, amended, and on motion of Mr. HUNTER, referred to the committee on military affairs.

On motion of Mr. STAPLES,

Resolved, that leave be granted to withdraw from the files of this house, bill 66, entitled a bill compensating Peter P. Penn for the loss of his slave Albert, and that the same be referred to the committee of claims.

The following bills were read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time :

No. 58. A bill appropriating money to finish and repair the road from Tazewell courthouse to Chapmansville in Logan county.

No. 65. A bill refunding to Matthew Harris a sum of money.

No. 70. A bill for the improvement of the north fork of the Holston river in the county of Smyth.

The following bills were read a second time, and on motions severally made, laid on the table :

No. 63. A bill to authorize free negroes to be employed as laborers on the fortifications and other public defences.

No. 67. A bill to provide for filling vacancies in the general assembly of Virginia.

No. 82. A bill regulating the mode of binding out free negro apprentices, and for other purposes.

Mr. CAZENOVE gave notice that he would on to-morrow move an amendment to the rules, providing for a standing committee on the subject of printing.

No. 49. An engrossed bill authorizing the issue of treasury notes of a less denomination than one dollar, was taken up ; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? the roll was called, with the following result—Ayes 45, noes 24 :

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Cazenove, Coffman, Crockett, Daniel, Ewing, Fletcher, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Lundy, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, McLaughlin, Montague, Murdaugh, Newton, Noland, Pitman, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, Sherrard, F. G. Taylor, Thrash, Tredway, Ward, West, Williams and S. M. Wilson—45.

NOES—Messrs. Cecil, Clarke, Edmunds, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, George, Harrison, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Mallory, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, Orgain, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Staples, Tomlin, Vermillion and Worsham—24.

Resolved, that the bill be rejected.

On motion of Mr. FORBES, the rule was suspended, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected, and the bill was laid upon the table.

No. 68. A bill to authorize county and corporation courts to cause impressments to be made of certain articles for county purposes, was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. JAMES submitted an amendment to the bill. Pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. TAYLOR of Hanover, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Doggett of the Methodist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows :

IN SENATE, Feb. 16, 1863.

The senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by the house of delegates to senate bills entitled :

An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend section 11 of chapter 29 of the Code, so as to exempt the property of persons in the military service of the state from distress for rent payable in money, passed February 19, 1862, No. 46.

An act to enlarge the powers of the circuit courts of the several counties and corporations in cases of attachment against non-residents, No. 49.

They have passed bills, entitled :

An act authorizing the county court of Henrico to establish a public pound, No. 48.

An act to repeal an ordinance of the convention of April 24, 1861, providing for a pay department of the Virginia forces, No. 56.

In which bills they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 48. A senate bill entitled an act authorizing the county court of Henrico to establish a public pound, was read a first and second times, and ordered to be referred to the committee of propositions and grievances.

No. 56. A senate bill entitled an act to repeal an ordinance of the convention of April 24, 1861, providing for a pay department of the Virginia forces, was read a first and second times, and ordered to be referred to the committee on military affairs.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill :

No. 102. A bill amending and re-enacting the 42d section of chapter 87 of the Code, edition of 1860.

Mr. HUNTER, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following reports :

An adverse report to a resolution enquiring into the expediency of adjourning sine die on the 26th instant.

A report upon a resolution enquiring whether the present session shall be considered as a continuation of the session held in May last. The report declares that the present session commenced on the 15th of September last.

Mr. BUFORD presented the petition of E. N. Sorey and William E. Boisseau, praying to be refunded the amount of a license tax paid by them ; which, on his motion, was referred to the committee on finance.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, in reference to a resolution of this house, adopted on the 14th instant, in relation to the compensation agreed to be paid to

agents for the distribution of salt; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on salt.

No. 68. A bill to authorize county and corporation courts to cause impressments to be made of certain articles for county purposes, was taken up, amended, and as amended, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived, the following summons to show cause, &c. against Joseph H. Crenshaw, was read for the information of the house:

The Commonwealth of Virginia—To the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Delegates of Virginia—Greeting:

We command you, that you summon Joseph H. Crenshaw, agent of the Crenshaw woolen manufacturing company, to appear at the bar of the house of delegates, in their hall in the state capitol, at 12 o'clock M. on Tuesday, February 17th, 1863, to show cause why he should not be fined and imprisoned for failing to obey the summons of its committee: And this he shall in no wise omit: And have then there this writ.

Witness, Hugh W. Sheffey, speaker of the house of delegates of Virginia, the 16th day of February 1863, in the 87th year of the commonwealth.

HUGH W. SHEFFEY,
Speaker of House Delegates.

Executed on Joseph H. Crenshaw, by delivering to him a copy of the within on this day at 15 minutes to 2 o'clock P. M.

R. W. BURKE,
Sergt. at Arms House Delegates.

Feb. 16, 1863.

Mr. Crenshaw appeared at the bar of the house.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg,

Resolved, that Joseph H. Crenshaw be discharged.

A similar summons to show cause, &c., with a similar endorsement, against George Whitfield, was read for the information of the house.

Mr. Whitfield appeared at the bar of the house, and was duly sworn by the SPEAKER, to answer questions.

After examination of the witness, Mr. FORBES submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that further proceedings under the summons issued on yesterday directing George Whitfield to appear at the bar of this house, to show cause why he should not be fined and imprisoned for his contempt of the summons therein set forth, be deferred until Tuesday the 24th instant.

Mr. HUNTER moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the following words: "deferred until Tuesday the 24th instant," and inserting "discharged;" and the question being on agreeing thereto,

Mr. BARBOUR demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 39, noes 52.

On motion of Mr. HUNTER, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Baskervill, Bigger, Booton, Bradford, Burks, A. L. Carter, Coffman, Edmunds, Fleming, Fulton, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Jones, Lundy, Magruder, McLaughlin, Newton, Noland, Prince, Richardson, Rives, Robertson, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Ward, Wright and Wynne—39.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bayse, Buford, Carpenter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Crockett, Dunn, Eggleston, Ewing, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Gatewood, George, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kyle, Lively, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, Montague, Murdaugh, Orgain, Pitman, Riddick, Robinson, Sherrard, Staples, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, West, Williams, Woodhouse, Woolfolk and Worsham—52.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution submitted by Mr. FORBES, Mr. MALLORY demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

No. 91. A bill imposing taxes for the support of government, was taken up and read a second time.

The bill was then amended.

Mr. TOMLIN moved to amend the bill further by striking out the 18th section of the bill, which is as follows:

“Tax on the transfer of state stock.”

18. For the transfer of all state stock to be registered in the office of the second auditor, for each certificate of stock, there shall be a tax of ten cents for every hundred dollars. In all cases, by which several bonds may be aggregated into one certificate of transferred stock, a tax shall be paid for each several amount so embraced in the transferred stock, according to the rates provided for in this section. It shall be the duty of the second auditor to collect said tax before the delivery of such certificate of transferred stock, and render an account of receipts for each preceding quarter of a year, and pay the same into the treasury at the end of each quarter, to the credit of the commonwealth.”

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 11, noes 76.

On motion of Mr. TOMLIN, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Burks, Cazenove, Forbes, Harrison, Hunter, Mathews, I. E. McDonald, Riddick, Rives, Rowat and Tomlin—11.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Bradford, Buford, A. L. Carter, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Crockett, Dunn, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, George, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Lively, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, Murdaugh, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Robinson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, West, Williams, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Worsham, Wright and Wynne—76.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, the bill was laid upon the table and made the special order of the day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock, and so on from day to day until disposed of.

On motion of Mr. BAKER,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill making an appropriation for the relief of the destitute poor of the city of Norfolk.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to provide for the giving more publicity to the laws.

On motion of Mr. FLEMING, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Doggett of the Methodist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows :

IN SENATE, Feb. 17, 1863.

The senate have passed house bill entitled :

An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to B. B. & J. W. Cooley, for a slave condemned to be hung, No. 59.

They have passed a bill entitled :

An act to increase the allowance for the board and lodging of jurors in criminal cases, No. 60.

In which bill they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 60. A senate bill entitled an act to increase the allowance for the board and lodging of jurors in criminal cases, was taken up, read a first and second times, and referred to the committee for courts of justice.

Mr. McCAMANT, from the committee of propositions and grievances, to whom had been referred

No. 48. A senate bill entitled an act authorizing the county court of Henrico to establish a public pound, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. CARPENTER, from the committee of roads and internal navigation, to whom had been referred

No. 41. A senate bill entitled an act to incorporate the Richmond and New bridge turnpike company in the county of Henrico, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. MALLORY presented the following resolution, which being objected to, was laid over under the rule :

Resolved, that after to-day the session of this house shall commence at 10 o'clock A. M. until otherwise ordered.

Mr. HOPKINS, from the committee on extortion, presented the testimony of James Lynch and others. taken before said committee; which, on his motion, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 27.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON,

Resolved, that a special committee of five be appointed to enquire into the expediency of incorporating the Richmond importing and exporting company.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Robertson, McCamant, Prince, Wilson of Norfolk, and Magruder.

The report of the committee for courts of justice, relative to the duration of the present session of the general assembly, and concluding with the following resolution:

Resolved, that the present session of the general assembly commenced on the 15th day of September last, under the proclamation of the governor, bearing date on the 19th day of August 1862, and is not a continuation of the session which was commenced on the 1st day of April last, under the proclamation of the governor of that date, and continued in May following—was taken up, on motion of Mr. HUNTER.

Mr. MALLORY moved to disagree with the committee in their resolution; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 23, noes 62.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Bayse, Booton, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, Crockett, Dunn, Edmunds, Fleming, Fletcher, Johnson, Kyle, Lundy, Lynn, Mallory, Montague, Noland, Reid, Rives, Shannon, R. F. Taylor, Thrash and Tredway—23.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, Cazenove, Eggleston, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, George, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Magruder, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Thomas, Tomlin, Tyler, Ward, West, Williams, Woodhouse, Worsham and Wright—62.

Thereupon, the SPEAKER announced that the resolution was agreed to.

No. 91. A bill imposing taxes for the support of government, on its second reading, being the order of the day, was taken up.

Mr. FORBES moved a suspension of the rule, with the view to reconsider the vote by which the house on yesterday agreed to the following amendment to the 47th section (concerning licenses to sell medicines): "But such license shall continue not to authorize the sale of ardent spirits by prescription or otherwise;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. BURKS demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 21, noes 65.

On motion of Mr. FORBES, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, Baker, Buford, Cazenove, Forbes, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, Laidley, Marye, McCamant, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, Orgain, Prince, Riddick, Rives, R. C. Saunders, Thrash, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wright—21.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Baskervill, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Burks, A. L. Carter, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, Crockett, Dunn, Eggleston, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, George, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Mallory, Mathews, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin,

Montague, Newton, Noland, Pitman, Reid, Rowan, P. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Woodhouse, Worsham and Wynne—65.

The bill was then further amended.

The 91st section of the bill being under consideration,

On motion of Mr. SAUNDERS of Franklin, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Doggett of the Methodist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Feb. 18, 1863.

The senate have adopted a joint resolution authorizing the governor to demand of the president of the Confederate States to deliver C. A. J. Collins, who is confined in prison in North Carolina, to a justice of the peace in Prince George county, Virginia, to be tried.

In which they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

A joint resolution authorizing the governor to demand of the president of the Confederate States to deliver C. A. J. Collins, who is confined in prison in North Carolina, to a justice of the peace in Prince George county, Virginia, to be tried, was read, and on motion, referred to the committee on confederate relations.

Mr. FORBES, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bill:

No. 103. A bill to amend the 39th section of chapter 184 of the Code, so as to increase fees to the clerks of Fluvanna and Albemarle, for public services.

Mr. FORBES, from the same committee, to whom had been referred

No. 57. A senate bill entitled an act to amend the sixth section of chapter two hundred of the Code, in relation to the sale of free negroes, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill:

No. 104. A bill to provide relief for the poor families of soldiers from the city of Norfolk in the Confederate States; which was read a first time, and on his motion, two-thirds concurring, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Mr. ROBERTSON, from the committee on banks, presented the following bill:

No. 105. A bill allowing stockholders of the Northwestern Bank to exchange their stock for Graziers Bank stock, under certain circumstances.

Mr. ORGAIN, from the committee on agriculture and manufactures, presented the following bill:

No. 106. A bill incorporating the Confederate manufacturing company at Scottsville, Virginia.

Mr. ROBERTSON, from a special committee, presented the following bill:

No. 107. A bill incorporating the Richmond importing and exporting company, was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. ROBERTSON carry the same to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HUNTER,

Resolved, that the resolution adopted by the house on yesterday, in relation to the duration of the session of the general assembly, be communicated to the senate, and their concurrence requested therein.

Ordered, that Mr. HUNTER carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence therein.

No. 71. An engrossed bill entitled a bill amending an act entitled an act for the relief of the securities of Wm. Paris, late sheriff of Appomattox county, passed January 31st, 1863, was taken up, read a third time and passed—Ayes 82, no 1.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bayse, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Eggleston, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Magruder, Mallory, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Woodhouse, Worsham and Wright—82.

No—Mr. Jones—1.

No. 78. A bill authorizing fiduciaries to invest funds in their hands in certain cases, and for other purposes, was taken up, amended, and as amended, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 91. A bill imposing taxes for the support of government, on its second reading, being the special order of the day (the hour having arrived for its consideration), was taken up.

The 91st section of the bill, relating to sheriffs' commissions, and providing that "every sheriff or collector shall be allowed a commission of two per cent. on the amount of taxes with which he is chargeable, and if he shall punctually pay the same into the treasury within the time required by law, he shall be allowed an additional commission of two per cent.," being under consideration, Mr. GILMER moved to amend the bill, by striking out the word "two" (referring to the last commission), and inserting in lieu thereof the word "three;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt demanded a division of the question; which was agreed to by the house; and the question being on striking out the word "two," was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 53, noes 40.

On motion of Mr. FORBES, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, Cecil, Clarke, Coleman, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, George, Gilmer, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, McKinney, Montague, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Pitman, Prince, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Staples, Thrash, Tredway, Vermillion, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Woolfolk and Worsham—53.

NOES—Messrs. Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bayse, Booton, Bradford, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Crockett, Dunn, Fletcher, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Green, Harrison, Hunter, Johnson, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Reid, Richardson, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tyler, Walker, Ward, West, Woodhouse, Wright and Wynne—40.

The question recurring on inserting the word “three” (so as to allow three per cent. commission for punctual payment), was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 53, noes 43.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Burks, A. L. Carter, Cecil, Coleman, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, McKinney, Montague, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Pitman, Prince, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Staples, Thrash, Tredway, Vermillion, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Woolfolk and Worsham—53.

NOES—Messrs. Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bayse, Booton, Bradford, Buford, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Crockett, Dunn, Fletcher, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Green, Harrison, Hunter, Johnson, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Reid, Richardson, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tyler, Walker, Ward, West, Woodhouse, Wright and Wynne—43.

The bill was then further amended; and the 93d section being under consideration—pending which,

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Doggett of the Methodist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Feb. 19, 1863.

The senate have passed house bill entitled:

An act to legalize the records, proceedings and acts of the county court of Spotsylvania county, at the terms of said court held during the year 1862, at places other than the courthouse thereof, No. 62.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, to whom had been recommitted

No. 18. A senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact the 12th section of chapter 20 of the Code of Virginia, so as to compensate the printer of the senate for printing and binding the journals of the senate at extra sessions, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. MONTAGUE, from the joint committee on the penitentiary, presented the following report:

An adverse report on the resolution for changing the mode of fixing prices on articles manufactured at the penitentiary, as regulated in section 31, chapter 213 of the Code.

Mr. BUFORD, from the special committee on the general election laws, presented the following bill :

No. 108. A bill to secure representation in the general assembly for counties, cities, senatorial and election districts within the power of the public enemy.

No. 78. An engrossed bill entitled a bill authorizing fiduciaries to invest funds in their hands in certain cases, and for other purposes, was taken up, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. BURKS carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Mr. GILMER presented the petition of Samuel A. Jefferson and others, citizens of Pittsylvania county, praying for the enactment of laws more effectually to prevent lawless and irresponsible persons from squatting on land and committing depredations on real and personal property owned by citizens of said county ; which, on his motion, was referred to the committee for courts of justice.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, in response to a resolution calling for information in regard to the slave and free negro convicts hired out under the act passed the 7th of April 1858, and the act passed the 6th of December 1861, amendatory thereof ; which was ordered to be referred to the committee for courts of justice.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a further communication from the governor, transmitting certain documents called for, in addition to those heretofore transmitted, in relation to the state line ; which were referred to the committee on military affairs.

Mr. FRY presented the petition of M. C. Gordon, asking to have a license tax refunded ; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on finance.

A message was received from the senate, by Mr. DICKINSON, the senator from Prince Edward, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a bill entitled an act to transfer the state line to the confederate government, No. 65 : in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

And he also communicated, for the information of the house, a report of the senate committee on confederate relations, relative to the Virginia state line, which had been agreed to by the senate.

The preamble and resolutions heretofore submitted by Mr. ROBERTSON, advising the people of the commonwealth in relation to the increase and preservation of certain agricultural productions and supplies, was taken up, on his motion, and read.

And the question being on agreeing to the first resolution, Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt moved the indefinite postponement of the preamble and resolutions ; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. PRINCE demanded the previous question ; which was sustained by the house ; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 42, noes 51.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baskervill, Bass, Bayse, Booton, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Cecil, Crockett, Daniel, Eggleston, Fleming, Fletcher, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, George, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Lively, Lundy, Lynn, Mallory, Mathews, McLaughlin, Orgain, Pitman, Richardson, Rives, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tredway, Walker, West, Woodhouse and Worsham—42.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Barbour, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, A. L. Carter, Clarke, Coleman, Dabney, Davis, Dice, Flood, Forbes, Gilmer, Hunter, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Lockridge, Magruder, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, Thrash, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wright—51.

The question being on agreeing to the first resolution, which is as follows:

“That they (the general assembly) earnestly recommend to every citizen of the state that he shall aim to increase, greatly beyond his usual amount, all his agricultural products of every kind whatever; his grain and his grass crops; his live stock; his fruits and his garden vegetables—every thing, indeed, that goes to the sustenance of man and beast, before he shall apply his labor to any other object or employment whatever: that he constantly practice frugality in using his resources of food, and bear in mind always to consume first what is most perishable, in order that he may husband his whole stock to the best advantage: and they enjoin it upon and make it the special charge of every justice of the peace throughout all the state not occupied by the enemy, to visit his neighbors and urge it upon them to act promptly and effectively on this recommendation, as a work of true patriotism, a sacred duty to the cause of the independence and safety of the Confederate States, and as furnishing to the world the evidence of their firm and immovable determination to incur every sacrifice, and to omit no effort that may be necessary to the success of that holy cause”—was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 53, noes 34.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Burks, A. L. Carter, Clarke, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Eggleston, Flood, Forbes, Gilmer, Harrison, Hunter, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Lockridge, Magruder, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, Williams, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wright—53.

NOES—Messrs. Bass, Booton, Buford, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Cecil, Daniel, Dice, Fleming, Fletcher, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, George, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Lively, Lundy, Lynn, Mallory, Mathews, McLaughlin, Pitman, Richardson, Rives, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Walker, West, Woodhouse and Worsham—34.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg moved to insert, as an independent resolution, to come in after the resolution agreed to, the following:

“That all extortioners be respectfully requested to sell their stocks of hoarded necessaries at reasonable prices and profits.”

And the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. FORBES moved to lay the resolution submitted by Mr. HOPKINS on the table. Pending the consideration of which, the hour having arrived for the consideration of the order of the day,

No. 91. A bill imposing taxes for the support of government, on its second reading, being the special order of the day, was taken up.

The bill was then further amended.

Mr. HUNTER submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, that the bill under consideration be recommitted to the committee on finance, with instructions to enquire and report whether it be constitutional or expedient to impose any tax either upon the bonds and certificates of debt of the Confederate States, or upon the income derived from such bonds and certificates of debt—with a similar enquiry as to the expediency of imposing such tax upon the bonds or income derived from the bonds of this state; and that said committee be further directed to make a report of the state of the treasury, in pursuance of the 35th rule of this house; and the question being on agreeing thereto—pending the consideration thereof,

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Doggett of the Methodist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows :

IN SENATE, Feb. 20, 1863.

The senate have passed house bill entitled :

An act amending an act entitled an act for the relief of the securities of William Paris, late sheriff of Appomattox county, passed January 31, 1863, No. 71.

They have agreed to house resolution in relation to duration of the present session of the general assembly.

They have passed bills entitled :

An act increasing the salaries of certain officers of the government, No. 42.

An act refunding to William M. Hume, sheriff of Fauquier county, damages paid by him as such, No. 73.

In which bills they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The following senate bills were read a first and second times, and ordered to be committed to the committee on finance :

No. 42. A senate bill entitled an act increasing the salaries of certain officers of the government.

No. 73. A senate bill entitled an act refunding to William M. Hume, sheriff of Fauquier county, damages paid by him as such.

No. 65. A senate bill entitled an act to transfer the state line to the confederate government, was read a first and second times, and referred to the committee on military affairs.

Mr. CARPENTER, from the committee of roads and internal navigation, presented the following bill :

No. 109. A bill to amend the 3d and 4th sections of the act to authorize the Upper Appomattox company to enlarge their capital stock, and for other purposes.

Mr. BUFORD, from the special committee on the election laws, presented the following bill :

No. 110. A bill to provide representation in the general assembly for certain districts and counties occupied by the public enemy.

Mr. HOPKINS, from the special committee on extortion, presented the testimony of Joseph H. Crenshaw and George Whitfield, taken before said committee ; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 28.

No. 106. A bill incorporating the Confederate manufacturing company at Scottsville, Virginia, was taken up, on motion of Mr. CARTER of Albemarle, read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. CROCKETT presented the petition of the justices of the county of Bland, asking that the sheriff and commissioner of the revenue of said county be permitted to discharge the duties of their respective offices ; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on finance.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, transmitting a communication from the governor of North Carolina, enclosing resolutions vindicating the loyalty of the state of North Carolina and its general assembly ; which were laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 29.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg gave notice that he would on Monday next, or some subsequent day, move to amend the 20th rule of the house, so as to read as follows :

“ When the previous question is demanded and seconded by twenty members, any two members shall be allowed five minutes each to speak in favor of the previous question, and two others shall be allowed the same time to speak against it ; and then the Speaker shall, without farther debate, put the question—‘ Shall the main question be now put ? ’ If decided in the affirmative, the main question shall then be put. If decided in the negative, the house may proceed *instanter* with the debate.”

The preamble and resolution heretofore submitted by Mr. ROBERTSON (with the independent resolution submitted by Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, to come in after the first resolution, which had been agreed to), “ advising the people of the commonwealth in relation to the increase and preservation of certain agricultural productions and supplies,” being the unfinished business of yesterday, were taken up ; and the question being on the motion heretofore submitted by Mr. FORBES, to lay the resolution submitted by Mr. HOPKINS on the table, Mr. FORBES, by leave of the house, withdrew the motion.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution submitted by Mr. HOPKINS, Mr. FORBES objected to the resolution as out of order, for the reason that an independent resolution could not be inserted between the 1st and 2d resolutions of the series submitted by Mr. ROBERTSON, the 1st resolution having been agreed to.

The Chair ruled that the point of order was well taken, and that the resolution was out of order ; and from this decision of the Chair Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg appealed ; and the question being—Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the house ? was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 52, noes 24.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, the vote was recorded as follows :

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Crockett, Dice, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Fulton, Gatewood, Gilmer, Hunter, Kyle, Lundy, Mayo, McCannant, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Robertson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Walker, Ward, Williams, S. M. Wilson, Woodhouse and Wright—52.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Bass, Buford, Cecil, Dabney, Davis, Fleming, Fry, George, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Laidley, Lynn, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, Pitman, Rives, Robinson, Vermillion and Worsham—24.

The question being on agreeing to the 2d resolution submitted by Mr. ROBERTSON, the hour having arrived for the consideration of the order of the day,

No. 91. A bill imposing taxes for the support of government, on its second reading, being the special order of the day, was taken up; and the question being on agreeing to the resolution heretofore submitted by Mr. HUNTER, to recommit the bill, with instructions, &c., Mr. HUNTER, by leave of the house, modified his resolution so as to read as follows :

“Resolved, that the pending bill be recommitted to the committee on finance, with instructions to examine into the subject, and report an estimate of the amount of revenue which the present bill will produce, as compared with the revenue from like sources for the year 1862; and also the state of the treasury, so far as may be necessary to show the necessity (and to what extent) for an increased rate of taxation.”

Mr. ROBERTSON moved to amend the resolution, by striking out all after the word “resolved,” and inserting the following :

“That bill No. 91, with the amendments thereto, be recommitted to the committee on finance, with instructions to report :

1. The aggregate amount expected to be raised thereby, and the amount expected to be derived from the different subjects of taxation respectively :

2. The reasons on which they recommend the raising of the aforesaid aggregate amount, rather than a larger or a smaller amount :

3. Whether the result expected from the operations of the taxes proposed will preserve in their opinion the present rates of taxes on the various subjects of taxation, and where varied from the present rates, why such departure is recommended :

4. Whether in their opinion the scheme of finance contemplated by them will or not lessen or enlarge, so far as depends on it, the present volume of paper currency, and how such effect will be produced :

With any other matters thought proper by them to explain their views of the working of said bill.”

And the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution submitted by Mr. HUNTER, and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. MAL-

LORY demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 18, noes 66.

On motion of Mr. McDONALD of Hampshire, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Baskervill, Bass, Buford, Dabney, Daniel, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Lundy, McCamant, McKinney, Murdaugh, Orgain, Prince, Rives, Robertson, Staples, Worsham and Wright—18.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bayse, Bigger, Borton, Bouldin, Bradford, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Cecil, Clarke, Crockett, Davis, Dice, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Mallory, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Pitman, Powell, Reid, Robinson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Walker, Ward, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Woodhouse—66.

Mr. PRINCE moved to amend the bill, by striking out the first section and a part of the second section, down to the word "thereof," and inserting the following:—(the part of the bill proposed to be struck out being in totidem verbis with the amendment, except the words "after deducting the indebtedness of the owner.")

"Taxes on lands, lots and on personal property."

On tracts of lands and lots belonging to any person, firm, company or corporation, with the improvements thereon, not exempt from taxation, and on all the personal property (except property owned and not hired by the confederate government), moneys and credits, as defined in this section, including all capital, personal property and moneys of incorporated joint stock companies (other than rail road, canal or turnpike companies), and all capital invested, used or employed in any manufacturing trade, or other business, one per centum on the assessed value thereof, after deducting the indebtedness of the owner."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. BARBOUR demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 3, noes 69.

On motion of Mr. WORSHAM, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Lundy, Prince and Rives—3.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bass, Bayse, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coleman, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Dunn, Eggleston, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lynn, Mallory, A. W. McDonald, Montague, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Reid, Richardson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Woodhouse, Worsham and Wynne—69.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the further consideration of the order of the day, being the bill imposing taxes for the support of government, was postponed until Monday next at 12 o'clock.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. DICKINSON, the senator from Prince Edward, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed house bill entitled an act to incorporate the Richmond importing and exporting company.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the committee on salt was enlarged, by the addition of one member. The SPEAKER appointed Mr. GEORGE a member of the committee.

Mr. RICHARDSON submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, that when this house adjourns to-day, it will adjourn to meet on Monday next; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. CARPENTER, the house adjourned until Monday, 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1863.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows :

IN SENATE, Feb. 21, 1863.

The senate have passed a bill entitled :

An act allowing John Parsons, sheriff elect of Lee county, further time to qualify and give the bond of office, No. 76.

In which they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 76. A senate bill entitled an act allowing John Parsons, sheriff elect of Lee county, further time to qualify and give the bond of office, was taken up, read a first and second times, and ordered to be committed to the committee for courts of justice.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the committee on military affairs, to whom had been committed

No. 65. A senate bill entitled an act to transfer the state line to the confederate government, reported the same without amendment.

The bill was then taken up for consideration; and on motion of Mr. JONES, the bill was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill :

No. 111. A bill to authorize the commissioner of the revenue and the sheriff of the county of Bland to qualify and execute their official bonds; which was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the same committee, to whom had been referred

No. 42. A senate bill entitled an act increasing the salaries of certain officers of the government, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. ROBERTSON, from the committee on banks, presented the following bill :

No. 112. A bill to amend and re-enact section 1, chapter 57 of the act passed March 1, 1861, entitled an act for the relief of the banks of this commonwealth.

No. 88. A bill amending and re-enacting the 4th section of an act

passed the 22d January 1862, entitled an act to authorize the establishment of a military school as a part of the instruction of Randolph Macon college, was taken up, read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

On motion of Mr. McDONALD of Hampshire,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of so amending section 5, chapter 213 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, as to provide for an increase of the compensation paid by the Confederate States for their convicts confined in the penitentiary, from 30 cents per day to an amount not exceeding the charges authorized to be charged by the jailors of this commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. AMBERS,

Resolved, that the committee on banks enquire into the expediency of so amending the law passed the 15th May 1862, authorizing the counties of this commonwealth to issue small notes, as to require agencies for their redemption in current funds, to be established in the cities of Richmond, Petersburg and Lynchburg.

On motion of Mr. McCAMANT,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs be instructed to enquire into and report to this house the number of beef cattle killed and salted at Saltville for the use of the state troops; the number of pounds salted; who was the commissary or agent employed in that business; whether any, and if any, how much thereof, is spoiled and unfit for use; the amount of loss the state has sustained thereby; and that the committee have leave to send for persons and papers.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. ALDERSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed senate bill entitled an act authorizing the personal representative of John W. Alderson deceased, to deliver certain militia fines to the sheriff of Greenbrier county, No. 79: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

Mr. GEORGE, at his own request, was excused from service upon the joint committee on salt, and Mr. VERMILLION appointed in his place.

The preamble and resolutions heretofore submitted by Mr. ROBERTSON, advising the people of the commonwealth in relation to the preservation of certain agricultural productions and supplies (the 1st resolution having been agreed to), were taken up, on motion of Mr. ROBERTSON.

The question being on agreeing to the 2d resolution, as follows:

“That as many copies of the foregoing preamble and resolution, attested by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, as they may deem expedient, be printed in such form as they may direct, for the use of the members of the general assembly, to be by them sent to the justices of their counties, and otherwise disseminated, so as best to advance the object in view”—was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 37, noes 51.

On motion of Mr. WALKER, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Barbour, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Eggleston, Forbes, Gilmer, Hunter, Jones, Jordan, Laidley, Mayo, McCamant, McKinney, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Prince, Reid, Robertson, Robinson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, Tomlin, Tredway, Ward, Williams and S. M. Wilson—35.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Baskervill, Bass, Bayse, Booton, Buford, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Cecil, Clarke, Dice, Dunn, Fletcher, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, George, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Mallory, Mathews, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, Murdaugh, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Pitman, Richardson, Rives, Rutherford, Shannon, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Vermillion, Walker, West, J. L. Wilson, Woodhouse, Worsham and Wright—51.

The preamble was then agreed to.

The preamble and resolution, as agreed to by the house, are as follows:

“The general assembly of Virginia, moved by a deep sense of the importance, at this time, of raising, above all things, an abundance of provisions and of forage for the uses of our armies and of the people at large—confident in our ample resources of production, as well as in the public spirit and patriotic zeal of our citizens, and fearing no deficiency or serious inconvenience, beyond what at all times may occur from unfavorable seasons, except such as might result from over-confidence in those resources, or from not sufficiently advertg to the large space of our territory temporarily disabled from furnishing its usual contribution to the public wants, and to other considerable portions of the Confederacy cut off for the present from their usual sources of supply—but still deeming it their highest duty to guard as far as possible against even the chance of so great a calamity as a scarcity of provisions, do, therefore,

Resolve, 1st, that they earnestly recommend to every citizen of the state, that he shall aim to increase greatly beyond his usual amount, all his agricultural products of every kind whatever; his grain and his grass crops; his live stock; his fruits and his garden vegetables—every thing, indeed, that goes to the sustenance of man and beast, before he shall apply his labor to any other object or employment whatever—that he constantly practice frugality in using his resources of food, and bear in mind always to consume first what is most perishable, in order that he may husband his whole stock to the best advantage: and they enjoin it upon, and make it the special charge of every justice of the peace throughout all the state not occupied by the enemy, to visit his neighbors, and urge it upon them to act promptly and effectively on this recommendation, as a work of true patriotism, a sacred duty to the cause of the independence and safety of the Confederate States, and as furnishing to the world the evidence of their firm and immovable determination to incur every sacrifice, and to omit no effort that may be necessary to the success of that holy cause.”

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence therein.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the order of the day,

No. 91. A bill imposing taxes for the support of government, on its second reading, being the order of the day, was taken up.

Mr. GILMER moved to amend the bill, by inserting in the 2d section, after the clause defining "credits," and asserting what should be included in the term, "after deducting therefrom all bona fide debts due by such person as principal debtor;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. HUNTER moved to strike out of the fifth section of the bill the words "of the Confederate States or" (the effect being to relieve the interest or profit received from the bonds, interest bearing treasury notes, or certificates of debt of the Confederate States, from taxation); and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 4, noes 87.

On motion of Mr. HUNTER, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Harrison, Hunter and Lundy—4.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, R. H. Carter, Cecil, Clarke, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lynn, Malory, Mathews, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woodhouse and Worsham—87.

Mr. NEWTON moved to amend the bill, by inserting in the 5th section, after the word "bonds," the following: "other than bonds and other securities of the Confederate States" (the effect being to exempt from taxation, when no interest on such bonds had been received during the year preceding, the bonds and other securities of the Confederate States); and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. FORBES moved a suspension of the rule, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was agreed to; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment submitted by Mr. NEWTON, Mr. NEWTON, by leave of the house, withdrew his amendment.

Mr. FORBES moved to amend the fifth section, by adding at the end thereof the following: provided, however, that if no interest shall have been received within the year next preceding the 1st day of February, upon the interest bearing treasury notes, or other certificates of debt of the Confederate States, the value of the principal of such treasury notes, or other certificates of debt of the Confederate States, shall not be so assessed and taxed; nor shall the interest thereon be taxed, unless the same shall have been received; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 10, noes 85.

On motion of Mr. FORBES, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Buford, Forbes, Harrison, Newton, Ward and West—10.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Cecil, Clarke, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Dunn, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Gate-

wood, George, Gilmer, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Nolaud, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woodhouse, Worsham, Wright and Wynne—85.

On motion of Mr. BRADFORD, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Duncan of the Methodist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Feb. 23, 1863.

The senate have passed a bill entitled:

An act to incorporate the Farmville insurance company, No. 71.

They have adopted a joint resolution to suspend the salary of Judge E. P. Pitts.

In which bill and resolution they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 79. A senate bill entitled an act authorizing the personal representatives of John W. Alderson deceased, to deliver certain militia fines to the sheriff of Greenbrier county, was taken up, read a first and second times, and referred to the committee on finance.

No. 71. A senate bill entitled an act to incorporate the Farmville insurance company, was taken up, read a first and second times, and referred to the committee of propositions and grievances.

A joint resolution to suspend the salary of Judge E. P. Pitts was taken up, read, and on motion, ordered to be referred to the committee for courts of justice.

Mr. ORGAIN, from the committee on agriculture and manufactures, presented the following bill:

No. 113. A bill amending and re-enacting sections 43, 44, 45 and 46 of chapter 87 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, in relation to inspectors' fees.

The following bills were read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time:

No. 61. A bill to amend the charter of the Bank of Rockingham.

No. 72. A bill allowing the Lynchburg, Franklin, Citizens and Washington building fund associations to purchase their stock.

No. 84. A bill authorizing the sale of a piece of land near the penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. DUNN,

Resolved, that the committee of propositions and grievances enquire into the expediency of chartering a fire and life insurance company in the town of Abingdon.

On motion of Mr. ORGAIN,

Resolved, that the committee on agriculture and manufactures enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill incorporating a company to manufacture coal, oil and other minerals in the county of Kanawha.

No. 70. An engrossed bill for the improvement of the north fork of Holston river in the county of Smyth, was taken up, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. RICHARDSON carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg presented the petition of Reuben Ragland and others, praying for an act of the general assembly incorporating the City insurance and savings society of Petersburg.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg,

Resolved, that a special committee be appointed, with leave to bring in a bill incorporating the City insurance and savings society of Petersburg.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Hopkins of Petersburg, Reid and Forbes.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, the following amendment to the 20th rule of the house, of which previous notice had been given, was taken up for consideration:

When the previous question is demanded, and seconded by twenty members, any two members shall be allowed five minutes each to speak in favor of the previous question, and two others shall be allowed the same time to speak against it; and then the Speaker shall, without further debate, put the question—"Shall the main question be now put?" If decided in the affirmative, the main question shall then be put. If decided in the negative, the house may proceed instantly with the debate.

The question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. BOOTON demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 10, noes 69.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Dabney, Fleming, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Rives, Robertson, Sherrard, J. L. Wilson and Worsham—10.

NOES—Messrs. Shaffey (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bayse, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Crockett, Davis, Dice, Dunn, Eggleston, Ewing, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, J. H. Hopkins, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Mallory, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Rowan, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Shaanon, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tomlin, Vernillion, Ward, West, Williams and Wright—69.

The summons heretofore executed upon George Whitfield, to appear at the bar of the house on Tuesday the 17th instant, having been enlarged to this day—Mr. Whitfield appearing,

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, further proceedings under the summons were dispensed with, and the witness discharged.

No. 26. A senate bill entitled an act to amend the first, third, fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth and tenth sections of an act to further provide for the public defence, passed October 3, 1862, with the

amendment thereto, by way of substitute, and heretofore reported from the committee for courts of justice, was taken up, on motion of Mr. BOULDIN, and read a second time; and the question being on agreeing to the amendment, Mr. DABNEY moved to strike out of the first section of the amendment the word "not," so as to confine the requisition for slaves, upon the slaves between the ages of 18 and 55 years, and not upon the entire slave population; and the question being upon agreeing thereto, Mr. McDONALD of Hampshire demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 56, noes 32.

On motion of Mr. SAUNDERS of Franklin, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Baskervill, Bass, Bayse, Booton, Bradford, Cazenove, Cecil, Coleman, Custis, Dabney, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Flood, Fry, Fulton, George, Gilmer, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, Jordan, Kaufman, Lockridge, Lundy, Mallory, Mathews, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Newton, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Rives, Robertson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Thomas, Thrash, Tomlin, Walker, Ward, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Woodhouse and Wright—56.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bigger, Bouldin, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Crockett, Daniel, Dunn, Fletcher, Forbes, Franklin, Gatewood, James, Lively, Lynn, Mayo, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Vermillion, West and Worsham—32.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the order of the day,

No. 91. A bill imposing taxes for the support of government, being the order of the day, was postponed, on motion of Mr. RUTHERFORD, and the consideration of the bill and amendment was again resumed.

Mr. BASKERVILL submitted the following amendment, to come in at the end of first section of the amendment:

"Provided, that whenever the governor shall call slaves into the service of the Confederate States, for labor on fortifications, or other works necessary for public defence, under the provisions of this act, the county or corporation courts, after being duly summoned, under the provisions of this act, may substitute free negro labor to such extent as to them may seem proper; to be credited to the county at large on the governor's requisition: the free negroes substituted to be subjected to the same regulations as to ages, time of service and rate of compensation, as provided for in this act in regard to slaves."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DUNN submitted an amendment to the 7th section of the amendment. Pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. NEWTON, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1863.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, to whom had been committed

No. 79. A senate bill entitled an act authorizing the personal representatives of John W. Alderson deceased to deliver certain militia fines to the sheriff of Greenbrier county, reported the same without amendment.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON,

Resolved, that the committee on agriculture and manufactures enquire into the expediency of incorporating the Stonewall water power and manufacturing company.

No. 26. A senate bill entitled an act to amend the first, third, fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth and tenth sections of an act to further provide for the public defence, passed October 3, 1862, with the amendment thereto, by way of substitute, reported from the committee for courts of justice, being the unfinished business of yesterday, was taken up, on motion of Mr. BOULDIN; and the question being on the amendment heretofore submitted by Mr. DUNN, providing for "descriptive rolls" of the slaves, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. LUNDY moved to amend the 8th section of the amendment, by inserting the following:

"And for this purpose, it shall be the duty of the county and corporation courts, as soon as may be, to forward to the governor the number and time of service of any slaves heretofore furnished under any call as aforesaid, so that the equalization intended by this section may be made to apply to any future call for labor by the confederate government; and any county, city or town from which there shall be no return made, shall not be entitled to any benefit under this section."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. BASS demanded a division of the question; which was agreed to by the house; and the question being on agreeing to that part of the amendment, down to the words "confederate government," inclusive, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the 2d branch of the amendment, from the words "and any county," &c., to the end thereof, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. MARYE moved to amend the 8th section of the amendment, in the 11th line, after the word "enemy," by inserting the following:

"Or on those counties wherein it may be shown to the satisfaction of the governor, by the certificate of the county court thereof, setting forth facts showing that by reason of the loss of slaves suffered therein from escapes to the enemy and other causes, there may not remain more than sufficient labor to produce the needful subsistence for the people thereof, and to perform the necessary domestic service."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. TOMLIN moved to amend the 8th section, in the 17th line, by inserting "by death during their term of service, or thereafter, of disease contracted whilst in such service, and for which no compensation is provided by law" (the clause under consideration being that portion of the bill exempting persons who have lost slaves, &c.); and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. MARYE moved further to amend the section, by adding thereto the following:

"Whenever, under requisitions heretofore made, slaves have been taken from those counties wherein it may be made to appear to the governor that there was not, at the time of such withdrawal, more than sufficient labor to produce the needful subsistence, and do the necessary domestic service for the people thereof, it shall be the duty of the governor to take such steps as are necessary to obtain the return of such slaves so withdrawn, to the counties from which they were taken."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

The amendment, by way of substitute, was then further amended, on motions severally made by Mr. BOULDIN and Mr. FORBES.

Mr. TOMLIN moved to amend the 12th section (providing that a requisition for slaves by the president was to be regarded as an acceptance of all the provisions of the act), by inserting at the end thereof the following:

"And a guarantee that losses heretofore sustained as described in the 1st section of this bill, will be similarly accounted and paid for."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment as amended, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The bill as amended was then read a third time and passed.

The title was then amended, on motion of Mr. BUFORD, so as to read as follows:

"An act to amend and re-enact an act passed October 3, 1862, entitled an act to further provide for the public defence."

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. WORSHAM,

Resolved, that the special committee on salt be instructed to enquire into the causes which have delayed the transportation of the county supply of salt purchased by the order of Dinwiddie court, and that they be privileged to send for persons and papers.

Mr. BIGGER presented the petition of G. A. Schwarzman and others, asking for the incorporation of the Virginia glee club, for the cultivation of music and the fine arts; which was referred to the committee of propositions and grievances.

On motion of Mr. BIGGER,

Resolved, that the committee of propositions and grievances enquire into the expediency of incorporating the Virginia glee club, for the cultivation of music and the fine arts.

No. 97. A bill to establish an inspection of tobacco at Keen's warehouse in the town of Danville, was taken up, read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, from a special committee, presented the following bill:

No. 114. A bill to incorporate the City insurance and savings society of Petersburg.

On motion of Mr. GATEWOOD,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of authorizing sheriffs and other officers, whose official terms have expired, to place, without affecting the fi. fa. lien, executions under which property has been taken, in the hands of the acting sheriff or other officer of his county, to be proceeded under by such officer in the same manner as if the property had been taken by him.

No. 61. A bill to amend the charter of the Bank of Rockingham, was taken up, on motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Rockingham, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 91. A bill imposing taxes for the support of government, being the order of the day, was taken up, on motion of Mr. BARBOUR.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR,

Resolved, that during the future consideration of the pending bill entitled a bill imposing taxes for the support of government, no member shall on any question speak more than once or longer than ten minutes.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the further consideration of the order of the day was postponed until to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. BRADFORD, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Duncan of the Methodist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, Feb. 25, 1863.

The senate have passed house bill entitled:

An act for the improvement of the north fork of the Holston river in the county of Smyth, No. 70.

They have passed a bill entitled:

An act for the relief of Zachariah L. Finney of Pittsylvania county, No. 67.

In which they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 67. A senate bill entitled an act for the relief of Zachariah L. Finney of Pittsylvania county, was read a first and second times, and referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the committee for courts of justice, to whom had been referred

No. 76. A senate bill entitled an act allowing John Parsons, sheriff elect of Lee county, further time to qualify and give the bond of office, reported the same, with a recommendation that it do not pass.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the same committee, to whom had been referred

No. 60. A senate bill entitled an act to increase the allowance for the board and lodging of jurors in criminal cases, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the same committee, presented the following bill:

No. 113. A bill forfeiting lands of citizens of the United States in the commonwealth of Virginia, and when said lands are claimed by loyal citizens under grants from the commonwealth, to transfer the same.

Mr. HUNTT, from the committee on enrolled bills, presented the following report:

The committee on enrolled bills have had under examination sundry such bills, and finding them correctly enrolled, respectfully report them for further examination.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate for further examination.

Mr. McCAMANT, from the committee of propositions and grievances, to whom had been referred

No. 71. A senate bill entitled an act to incorporate the Farmville insurance company, reported the same without amendment.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Resolved, that the committee on military affairs enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill providing for the transfer to the confederate authorities of all the prisoners taken by the state line under the command of Major General John B. Floyd.

No. 65. A senate bill entitled an act to transfer the troops of the state line to the confederate government, was taken up, on motion of Mr. HUNTER, and read a second time.

Mr. RICHARDSON submitted an amendment to the first section of the bill. Pending the consideration of which, the hour having arrived for the consideration of the order of the day,

No. 91. A bill imposing taxes for the support of government, being the order of the day, was taken up.

Mr. WILSON moved to suspend the rule, with the view of reconsidering the vote by which the house had struck out the 34th and 35th sections of the bill, and inserted in lieu thereof the following:

"On every license to distill or rectify ardent spirits, if the machinery be propelled by steam power, the tax shall be \$250; if the machinery be not so propelled, the tax shall be \$125; and if the

distillery is for the manufacture of ardent spirits from fruit, vegetables, syrups, molasses, sugar cane or sugars only, the tax shall be dollars; and no deduction shall be allowed, if the privilege be exercised for less than a year. In either case, there shall be a tax of cents per gallon on the quantity of ardent spirits to be manufactured; which shall be stated in the license; and when the quantity so stated shall have been made, the license thereafter shall be void; and any person continuing to manufacture after the quantity named in the license shall have been made, shall be liable to all penalties of a person distilling without a license. If the person desiring such license make application therefor, he shall state on oath the probable quantity which in his opinion he will distill during the time the license is to continue; and the tax shall be assessed as well for the specific amount as upon the quantity to be produced. If the application shall not be made to the commissioner for an assessment, the commissioner shall assess the specific tax as in other cases of default, and shall ascertain, upon the best information he can obtain, the probable quantity which the distillery will produce during the time the license will continue; and shall thereupon assess the actual rate per gallon provided for in this act. If the quantity to be manufactured under such license shall have been made, and the person desires an enlargement of the quantity, he may apply for a new assessment and new license for the additional quantity desired; which shall be granted, upon the payment of the tax on the gallon without the specific tax to rectify or distill. This section of this act shall be in force from the passage thereof, so far as to impose the tax for the manufacture of ardent spirits from fruit, vegetables, syrups, molasses, sugar cane or sugars, for the manufacture of ardent spirits for the confederate government, or under any contract or agreement therewith, and for the manufacture of all liquors which are authorized to be converted into alcohol under existing laws, and shall be in force as to the manufacture of liquors generally from and after the time the act entitled an act to prevent the unnecessary consumption of grain by distillers and other manufacturers of spirituous or malt liquors, passed March 12, 1862, shall expire: provided no license or tax shall be required of any person for manufacturing thirty-three gallons in one year, out of the fruit, vegetables, syrups, molasses, sugar cane or sugars of his own production, for his own use."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the first blank in the amendment was filled with "twenty," being the specific tax on distilleries.

Mr. BARBOUR moved to fill the blank in the amendment (prescribing the tax on the gallon) with the word "fifty" (so as to make the tax fifty cents a gallon); and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. PRINCE moved to amend, by inserting "twenty-five;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 39, noes 59.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, Baker, Bigger, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, Custis,

Dunn, Evans, Fletcher, Flood, Franklin, George, Gilmer, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, Mallory, Mathews, McCamant, McKinney, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Powell, Prince, Riddick, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, Thrash, Vermillion, West, J. L. Wilson, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wright—39.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bass, Bayse, Bouldin, Bradford, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Crockett, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Forbes, Fulton, Gatewood, Grattan, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Lively, Lockridge, Marye, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, Newton, Noland, Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, Shannon, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Walker, Ward, Williams and Woodhouse—59.

Mr. LUNDY moved to amend, by inserting “thirty;” and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. MALLORY demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative.

Mr. WALKER moved to amend, by inserting “forty;” and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. GRATTAN demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative.

The question recurring upon agreeing to the motion submitted by Mr. BARBOUR, to fill the blank with the word “fifty,” was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment, Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight moved to amend the amendment, by striking out the entire amendment, and inserting the following:

“On every license to distill ardent spirits from fruit, vegetables, syrups, molasses, sugar cane or sugars, there shall be a tax of fifty cents per gallon on the quantity of liquor manufactured at such distillery within the year next preceding: provided, that thirty-three gallons of brandy shall be exempt from the operation of this tax, when made by the owner of the distillery for his own use and consumption.”

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. JONES moved to amend the bill, in the 77th section, by inserting the following:

“But taxes on slaves carried away or escaping from the owner or hirer to the public enemy and not recovered, may be exonerated in the same manner that taxes erroneously assessed may be exonerated; and an order of exoneration shall have the same effect in all respects as if it had been made exonerating or refunding taxes erroneously assessed.”

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. FORBES moved to amend the 78th section; which reads as follows:

“78. And inasmuch as many tracts of land and lots, with improvements thereon, have been greatly despoiled and reduced in value by military occupation and the waste and violence incident to war, it shall be the duty of the commissioners of the revenue, upon the requisition of the owner of any real property injured by the causes aforesaid, or of his agent, to make a new assessment of such property, upon the following basis and mode of valuation, viz: the

commissioner shall deduct from the amount at which such property stands assessed at its last assessment, such sum as is equal to a fair estimate of the permanent injury and damage inflicted upon such property by the causes aforesaid. In making which estimate, he shall appraise and fix the amount of damage sustained, according to what would have been the standard and rate of valuation thereof if such damage had been estimated during the year 1855; and the remainder left, after deducting the damage thus estimated, shall be the valuation at which such property shall be assessed by the commissioner"—by inserting, after the word "greatly," in the 2d line, the following: "reduced in value in consequence of the existing war with the United States, and been;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 29, noes 57.

On motion of Mr. FORBES, the vote was recorded at follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Bass, Booton, Bradford, A. L. Carter, Cazonove, Custis, Daniel, Evans, Fleming, Fletcher, Forbes, George, Hunter, Johnson, Jones, Lockridge, Mathews, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Montague, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Sherrard, Vaden, Ward and Williams—29.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bayse, Bigger, Bouldin, Burks, R. H. Carter, Cecil, Clarke, Crockett, Davis, Dunn, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Flood, Franklin, Fulton, Gatewood, Green, Harrison, H. L. Hopkins, James, Jordan, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lundy, Mallory, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker and West—57.

On motion of Mr. CARTER of Lancaster, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Duncan of the Methodist church.

Mr. McCAMANT, from the committee on military affairs, presented the following bill:

No. 114. A bill for the relief of G. G. M. Leonard and Byron Ballard.

Mr. McCAMANT, from the same committee, presented a preamble and resolution, tendering the thanks of the house of delegates to Major General John B. Floyd.

Mr. NEWTON, from the committee on confederate relations, to whom had been referred the governor's message in relation to Col. Zarvona and others, presented a report; which, on his motion, was ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 30.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, transmitting a communication from Col. Chas. Blue, superintendent of the penitentiary, in relation to the increase of pay of the assistant keepers of the penitentiary; which was referred to the committee on the penitentiary.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, transmitting reports relating to the state line, from the

quartermaster general and others; which were referred to the committee on military affairs.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a further communication from the governor, transmitting a communication from Doctor Moorman, state agent for distribution of salt; which was read, and referred to the committee on salt.

No. 65. A senate bill entitled an act to transfer the state line to the confederate government, being the unfinished business of yesterday, was, on motion of Mr. CROCKETT, taken up; and the question being on agreeing to the amendment submitted by Mr. RICHARDSON, was put, and decided in the negative.

The amendment is as follows:

In the 1st section, strike out that portion of the bill providing for the election of company officers, and insert:

"When said companies have been thus designated, with the proper complement of men required by said laws, and the fact shall be communicated, by the officer appointed to superintend said organization, to the governor, it shall be his duty forthwith to assign to each of said companies its complement of commissioned officers from the company officers now in commission in said state line, with reference to the merit and not the rank of said officers."

Mr. BURKS moved to amend the bill, in the third line of the first section, by striking out the words "troops of the state line," and inserting "state troops raised under an act of the general assembly entitled an act to authorize a force of ten thousand men to be raised for the defence of the commonwealth, passed May 15, 1862, and under any acts amendatory thereof."

Mr. LOCKRIDGE moved to amend the amendment, by inserting at the end thereof the following: "including all companies of rangers organized under the act of March 27, 1862, entitled an act to authorize the organization of ten or more companies of rangers, or under any other act of the general assembly;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the amendment as amended, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. RICHARDSON moved to strike out the third section of the bill; which is as follows:

"3. All the arms, accoutrements, ordnance and equipments, stores, munitions of war and other property furnished and receipted for as aforesaid, shall be valued by the mustering officer aforesaid, and the officer appointed by the governor to make the inventory thereof, and if they fail to agree, in such mode as may be agreed on by the governor and secretary of war; and the value thus ascertained shall, upon delivery thereof, be paid by the confederate government into the treasury of the commonwealth, to the credit of the commonwealth."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

The question being on ordering the bill to its third reading, Mr. HARRISON demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

The question being—Shall the bill pass? was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 83, noes 10.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Bailey, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cecil, Clarke, Crockett, Custis, Davis, Dice, Dunn, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Franklin, Fulton, Gatewood, George, Green, Harrison, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Mallory, Marrye, Mathews, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Rowan, Rutherford, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woodhouse, Worsham and Wright—83.

NOES—Messrs. Barbour, Daniel, Forbes, Laidley, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, Richardson, R. C. Saunders, Woolfolk and Wynne—10.

Ordered, that Mr. CROCKETT carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence in the amendments proposed by the house of delegates.

The report of the committee on military affairs, tendering the thanks of the house of delegates to Major General John B. Floyd, was taken up, amended, on motion of Mr. FORBES, and as amended agreed to.

The preamble and resolutions are as follows :

The general assembly of Virginia, satisfied that the exigencies of the times require that the whole military force of the Confederacy should be united under one organization, and having, under this conviction of public duty, transferred by law the state line under the command of Major General John B. Floyd, to the authorities of the Confederate States, and desirous of expressing to that eminent patriot and gallant soldier their high appreciation of his ability as a soldier and of his unselfish course as a patriot,

Do resolve, 1st, That the thanks of the general assembly of Virginia are due and are hereby tendered to Major General John B. Floyd, for the zeal, gallantry, ability and untiring devotion which he has exhibited in the command of the forces of this state.

2d. Resolved, that the thanks of the general assembly are also tendered to the officers and soldiers under the command of Major General Floyd, for the efficiency and gallantry displayed by them while in the service of the state.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. TOMLIN,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the 19th section of the 61st chapter of the Code of Virginia, as to require all rail road companies to receive and deliver all freights for transportation by weight.

On motion of Mr. VADEN, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Duncan of the Methodist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows :

IN SENATE, Feb. 27, 1863.

The senate have passed with amendments house bill entitled :

An act authorizing fiduciaries to invest funds in their hands in certain cases, and for other purposes, No. 78.

In which amendments they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill entitled an act authorizing fiduciaries to invest funds in their hands in certain cases, and for other purposes, No. 78, were taken up.

The first and second amendments were agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the third amendment (the effect of which was to require an application to be made to a judge of a circuit court in vacation, for leave to invest on the part of the fiduciary, instead of allowing investment at his own discretion)—pending the consideration thereof, Mr. HUNTER moved to lay the bill and amendments on the table. Pending the consideration of which, Mr. BASS moved the indefinite postponement of the bill and amendments; and the question being on agreeing thereto, the hour having arrived for the consideration of the order of the day,

No. 91. A bill imposing taxes for the support of government, on its second reading, being the order of the day, was taken up.

Mr. FORBES moved to strike out the 78th section of the bill; which is as follows :

“78. And inasmuch as many tracts of land and lots, with improvements thereon, have been greatly despoiled and reduced in value by military occupation and the waste and violence incident to war, it shall be the duty of the commissioners of the revenue, upon the requisition of the owner of any real property injured by the causes aforesaid, or of his agent, to make a new assessment of such property, upon the following basis and mode of valuation, viz: the commissioner shall deduct from the amount at which such property stands assessed at its last assessment, such sum as is equal to a fair estimate of the permanent injury and damage inflicted upon such property by the causes aforesaid. In making which estimate, he shall appraise and fix the amount of damage sustained, according to what would have been the standard and rate of valuation thereof if such damage had been estimated during the year 1855; and the remainder left, after deducting the damage thus estimated, shall be the valuation at which such property shall be assessed by the commissioner”—and to insert in lieu thereof the following :

“And inasmuch as many tracts of land and lots, with improvements thereon, *situate in counties invaded by the public enemy*, have been *permanently diminished in value by said invasion*, and despoiled and reduced in value by military occupation, and by the waste and violence

incident to war, it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the revenue for such county, upon the requisition of the owner of any real property *situate in such counties*, or of his agent, to make a new assessment of such real property upon the following basis and mode of valuation, viz: the commissioner shall deduct from the amount at which such property stands assessed at its last assessment, such sum as is equal to a fair estimate of the permanent diminution in the value thereof caused by the invasion of such county, and of the permanent injury and damage inflicted upon such property by military occupation thereof, and the waste and violence incident to war. In making which estimate, he shall appraise and fix the amount of such permanent diminution, injury and damage according to what would have been the standard and rate of valuation thereof if such permanent diminution, injury and damage had been estimated during the year 1856; and the remainder left, after deducting the diminution, damage and injury thus estimated, shall be the valuation at which such property shall be assessed by the commissioner."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. BARBOUR demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 57, noes 21.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Bailey, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Bradford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Crockett, Eggleston, Evans, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Fulton, George, Grattan, Green, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Lockridge, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Orgain, Powell, Richardson, Riddick, Robertson, Rowan, P. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, Thomas, Tredway, Vaden, Walker, Ward, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woodhouse, Worsham and Wright—57.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, Dabney, Davis, Dunn, Edmunds, Gatewood, Harrison, Jordan, Lively, Mallory, McKinney, Newton, Noland, Pitman, Reid, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Vermillion and West—21.

Mr. HOPKINS of Rockingham submitted the following amendment to the 30th section of the bill, providing for a tax on bowling alleys:

"Provided, that proprietors of public watering places may be allowed to take out such license for a period of three months or more, at the rate of ten dollars and fifty cents per month; but if there be more than one such alley kept in such room, three dollars and fifty cents shall be charged per month for the excess."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. WORSHAM moved to amend the bill, by inserting in the list of exemptions the following: "also the model farm belonging to the joint agricultural society of Virginia and North Carolina, near Petersburg;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. McDONALD of Hampshire moved to amend the bill, by inserting after the 95th section the following:

"The preceding section shall not have the effect to reduce the compensation to each of the commissioners of the counties of Gilmer, Pocahontas, Pendleton, Putnam, Raleigh, Ritchie, Tyler, Upshur and Wirt, below the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars; to each of the commissioners of the counties of Bath, Carroll and Prince Wil-

liam, and the corporation of Danville, below the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars; and to each of the commissioners of the counties of Grayson and Giles and the city of Williamsburg, below the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; and the allowance to any commissioner of any county not mentioned in this section, now existing or which may hereafter be created, shall, at the election of the commissioner, be the commissions allowed in the next preceding section, or a specific allowance of two hundred dollars. The auditor of public accounts shall also pay to the several commissioners all postage advanced by them in the transmission of their books or any correspondence touching the duties of their office, and a fee of three cents for each birth and death registered and returned by him."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. FLEMING moved to amend the bill in the 92d section, by adding thereto the following (the section relating to fees of commissioners of the revenue): "when the taxes so assessed in any county, or in any district in a county, do not exceed ten thousand dollars, the commissions shall be two and one-half per cent.;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put and decided in the negative.

Mr. BUFORD moved to amend the bill in the same section, by striking out "one and a half per cent.," and inserting "two per centum;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

The question being—Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time? Mr. BARBOUR demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. BARBOUR submitted propositions in reference to a tax on income, &c.; which were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill:

No. 114. A bill refunding a sum of money to Gordon & Brothers, paid by them as a merchant's license in the county of Fluvanna.

Mr. BUFORD, from a special committee, presented the following bill:

No. 115. A bill to provide for voting by persons in the military service, and persons absent from their respective counties and corporations on account of the presence of the public enemy, in elections for members of congress, and for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general; which, on his motion, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. HUNTER, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bill:

No. 116. A bill amending and re-enacting the 19th section of chapter 61 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860.

Mr. HUNTER, from the same committee, to whom had been referred a joint resolution to suspend the salary of Judge E. P. Pitts, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. KAUFMAN, from the special committee on free negroes, presented the following bill:

No. 117. A bill to prohibit the emancipation of slaves by will.

Mr. McCAMANT, from the committee of propositions and grievances, presented the following bill:

No. 118. A bill to incorporate the Virginia glee club (Gesang Verein).

Mr. MAGRUDER, from the committee of privileges and elections, presented the following bill:

No. 119. A bill to provide for the election of county officers in certain cases; which, on his motion, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. DICKINSON, the senator from Prince Edward, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the amendments proposed by the house of delegates to senate bill entitled an act to transfer the state line to the confederate authorities, No. 65, with an amendment thereto: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate, requesting a return of the bill and amendments.

Ordered, that Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt carry the same to the senate.

Subsequently, Mr. DICKINSON returned with the same message to the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

Resolved, that a special committee be appointed, with authority to report a bill to enlarge the powers of the council of the city of Lynchburg.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Davis, Tredway, and Wilson of Norfolk.

No. 89. A bill to stay proceedings on executions, trust deeds and other demands, in cases of refusal to receive payment in currency, and to repeal an act entitled an act to suspend sales and legal proceedings in certain cases, and to repeal an ordinance to provide against the sacrifice of property, and to suspend proceedings in certain cases, passed 30th day of April 1861, by the convention of Virginia, was taken up, read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. WARD moved an adjournment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 13, noes 46.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Franklin, Fulton, George, Gilmer, Grattan, Jones, Magruder, McLaughlin, Powell, P. Saunders, Sherrard, Vaden and Ward—13.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Bass, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Cazenove, Cecil, Crockett, Davis, Dunn, Edmunds, Evans, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Mallory, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Newton, Orgain, Reid, Rowan, R. C. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Worsham and Wright—46.

No quorum voting, and a motion for a call of the house being made and withdrawn, Mr. GRATAN moved an adjournment; and the ques-

tion being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 31, noes 31.

On motion of Mr. HUNTER, the vote was recorded as follows :

AYES—Messrs. Bouldin, Bradford, Burks, Cazenove, Cecil, Davis, Evans, Ewing, Franklin, Fulton, George, Grattan, James, Jones, Kaufman, Laidley, Lively, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, McLaughlin, Newton, Orgain, Powell, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward, J. L. Wilson and S. M. Wilson—31.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Bass, Buford, Crockett, Dunn, Edmunds, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Green, Harrison, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Johnson, Jordan, Kyle, Lockridge, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Reid, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Walker, Williams, Worsham and Wright—31.

Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight moved a call of the house; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. WILSON withdrew the call.

Mr. SAUNDERS of Campbell moved to adjourn; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 26, noes 38.

On motion of Mr. FORBES, the vote was recorded as follows :

AYES—Messrs. Bouldin, Bradford, Burks, Cazenove, Cecil, Evans, Fletcher, Fulton, George, Jones, Kaufman, Laidley, Lively, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, McLaughlin, Powell, Robinson, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward, J. L. Wilson and S. M. Wilson—26.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Bass, Buford, Crockett, Davis, Dunn, Edmunds, Ewing, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Green, Harrison, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kyle, Lockridge, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Newton, Orgain, Reid, Robertson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Walker, Williams, Worsham and Wright—33.

Mr. MAYO moved to take up senate bill

No. 41. A bill incorporating a turnpike road company in the county of Henrico.

Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt moved to amend the motion, by taking up, in lieu thereof, the amendment proposed by the senate to the amendments proposed by the house of delegates to senate bill entitled an act to transfer the state line to the confederate authorities; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. WARD moved an adjournment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 21, noes 45.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt, the vote was recorded as follows :

AYES—Messrs. Bouldin, Cazenove, Evans, Fulton, George, Jones, Laidley, Lively, Mathews, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Orgain, Pitman, Robinson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Thrash, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward and S. M. Wilson—21.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Bass, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, Cecil, Crockett, Davis, Dunn, Edmunds, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Green, Harrison, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lockridge, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Newton, Reid, Robertson, Rowan, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Walker, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Worsham and Wright—45.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment to the motion of Mr. MAYO, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The motion as amended was agreed to.

The amendment of the senate was taken up and agreed to.

Ordered; that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. JONES, the house adjourned until Monday, 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Woodbridge of the Episcopal church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows :

IN SENATE, Feb. 28, 1863.

The senate have agreed to the resolutions from the house of delegates, tendering the thanks of the general assembly of Virginia to Major General John B. Floyd, and the officers and men under his command.

They have passed house bill entitled :

An act authorizing the branch of the Exchange Bank at Richmond to declare a dividend, No. 41.

They have passed a bill entitled :

An act authorizing the auditing board to pay junior majors of militia regiments for service actually performed, No. 55.

They have adopted a resolution requesting the house of delegates to return to the senate the joint resolution to suspend the salary of Judge E. P. Pitts.

In which bill and resolution they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 55. A senate bill entitled an act authorizing the auditing board to pay junior majors of militia for services actually performed, was read a first and second times, and ordered to be referred to the committee on military affairs.

A resolution adopted by the senate requesting the return to that body of a joint resolution heretofore adopted, to suspend the salary of Judge E. P. Pitts, was taken up and concurred in.

Ordered, that Mr. MAGRUDER carry the same to the senate.

Mr. EDMUNDS, from the committee on finance, to whom had been referred

No. 73. A senate bill entitled an act refunding to William M. Hume, sheriff of Fauquier county, damages paid by him as such, reported the same, with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

Mr. EDMUNDS, from the same committee, presented the following bill :

No. 120. A bill for the relief of certain persons engaged in the distillation of fruit.

Mr. DAVIS, from a special committee, presented the following bill :

No. 121. A bill to enlarge the powers of the council of the city of Lynchburg ; which was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the committee on military affairs, presented a report on the memorial of Cadet W. A. Daniel ; which, on his motion, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 31.

No. 71. A senate bill entitled an act to incorporate the Farmville insurance company, was taken up, amended on motion of Mr. TREDWAY, and as amended, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 68. An engrossed bill to authorize county and corporation courts to cause impressments to be made of certain articles for county purposes, was taken up, on motion of Mr. BUFORD, and read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? Mr. BOULDIN moved a suspension of the rules, with a view to reconsider the vote ordering the bill to its engrossment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. McDONALD of Hampshire submitted a ryder to the bill, as follows:

“Provided, that any of the articles herein before authorized to be impressed, shall be subject to impressment only when found in the possession of parties who have purchased them, and are hoarded for the purpose of resale.”

The ryder was read a first time; and the question being on ordering the same to its second reading, Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg moved the indefinite postponement of the bill and ryder; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. McDONALD of Hampshire demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 24, noes 54.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Bouldin, Bradford, Burks, R. H. Carter, Edmunds, Franklin, Fulton, Garrison, Grattan, Harrison, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, Newton, Powell, Robertson, P. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, Vermillion, Walker, Woodhouse, Worsham and Wright—24.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Buford, Cazenove, Cecil, Crockett, Custis, Dabney, Davis, Evans, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, Montague, Orgain, Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rowan, Staples, F. G. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Vaden, Ward, West, Williams and S. M. Wilson—54.

The question being on ordering the ryder to its second reading, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. JONES submitted the following ryder; which was read a first and second times, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time:

“Provided, that no impressment authorized by this act shall be made of any article, except at the market value of the article at the place at which the impressment is made.”

The question being on the passage of the bill, Mr. WEST demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, the vote was announced as follows—Ayes 53, noes 27.

On motion of Mr. BUFORD, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bigger, Buford, Cecil, Crockett, Custis, Dabney, Davis, Dunn, Eggleston, Evans, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Magruder, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, Montague, Orgain, Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Rowan, Sherrard, Staples, F. G. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Vaden, Ward, West, Williams, S. M. Wilson and Wright—53.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Bass, Bouldin, Bradford, Burks, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Edmunds, Fleming, Franklin, Fulton, Garrison, Grattan, Harrison, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, A. W. McDonald, Newton, Robertson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, Vermillion, Walker, J. L. Wilson and Worsham—27.

Thereupon, the SPEAKER announced that the bill was passed; and

from that decision of the chair, Mr. HARRISON appealed; and the question being—Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the house? and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. CUSTIS,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of paying Robert Saunders for the hire of slave Sam for the use of Eastern lunatic asylum for the year 1862, the sum of one hundred and twenty-six dollars.

No. 78. A bill authorizing fiduciaries to invest funds in their hands in certain cases, and for other purposes, with the amendments thereto proposed by the senate, was taken up, on motion of Mr. HUNTER, and made the order of the day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

No. 41. A senate bill entitled an act to incorporate the Richmond and New bridge turnpike company in the county of Henrico, was taken up, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

No. 79. A bill authorizing the court of appeals to hold its sessions at other places than Lewisburg, was taken up, on motion of Mr. BASS, read a first time, amended, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Mr. ROBERTSON presented the remonstrance of the council of the city of Richmond against the passage of a bill entitled a bill authorizing the connection of certain rail roads within the city of Richmond; which, on his motion, was laid on the table.

Mr. MAGRUDER submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that leave be given to bring in a bill amending and re-enacting the 1st section of an act entitled an act to transfer the state troops and rangers to the confederate authorities, passed February 28, 1863.

Pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. WARD, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Woodbridge of the Episcopal church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, March 2, 1863.

Sundry enrolled bills having been examined by the committee, and signed by the president of the senate, are returned to the house of delegates for further signature.

The senate have passed with amendments house bill entitled:

An act to amend the 43d and 44th sections of chapter 87 of the Code, so as to increase the fees of tobacco inspectors, No. 10.

In which amendments they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 10. A senate bill entitled an act to amend the 43d and 44th sections of chapter 87 of the Code, so as to increase the fees of tobacco inspectors, was taken up, and the amendments proposed thereto by the senate were concurred in.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

Mr. NEWTON, from the committee on confederate relations, to whom had been referred a joint resolution authorizing the governor to demand of the president of the Confederate States to deliver C. A. J. Collins, who is confined in prison in North Carolina, to a justice of the peace in Prince George county, Virginia, to be tried, reported the same with amendments.

Mr. MONTAGUE, from the committee on the penitentiary, presented the following bills:

No. 122. A bill increasing the compensation of the interior guard at the penitentiary.

No. 123. A bill appropriating the sum of dollars for arming the interior guard at the penitentiary.

Mr. BUFORD, from the special committee on elections, presented the following bill:

No. 124. A bill to amend and re-enact the 1st section of chapter 7 of the Code of Virginia; which, on his motion, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the rule was suspended, with a view to reconsider the vote by which a senate bill entitled an act for the relief of Josiah Wynne of Lee county, No. 32, was rejected.

The bill was then recommitted to the committee on finance.

The resolution submitted by Mr. MAGRUDER on yesterday, which is as follows:

“Resolved, that leave be given to bring in a bill amending and re-enacting the 1st section of an act entitled an act to transfer the state troops and rangers to the confederate authorities, passed February 28, 1863”—being the unfinished business of yesterday, was taken up and agreed to.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution, viz: Messrs. Magruder, Anderson of Botetourt, and Jones.

Mr. MAGRUDER, from the committee, subsequently reported the following bill:

No. 125. A bill amending and re-enacting the 1st section of an act entitled an act to transfer the state troops and rangers to the confederate government, passed February 28, 1863; which was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, amended on motion of Mr. BOULDIN, and on motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt, committed to the committee on military affairs.

No. 76. A senate bill entitled an act allowing John Parsons, sheriff elect of Lee county, farther time to qualify and give the bond of office, was taken up, on motion of Mr. CROCKETT, amended, and as amended, read a second time; and the question being—Shall the bill be read a third time? was put, and decided in the negative.

Thereupon, the SPEAKER announced that the bill was rejected.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the order of the day, which was the amendments proposed by the senate to house bill entitled an act authorizing fiduciaries to invest funds in their hands in certain cases, and for other purposes, No. 78, the amendments were taken up; and the question being on agreeing to the motion heretofore submitted by Mr. BASS, for the indefinite postponement of the bill and amendments, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 6, noes 78.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt, the vote was recorded as follows :

AYES—Messrs. Bass, Fletcher, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Vermillion and Wynne—6.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Barbour, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Crockett, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Hunter, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tredway, Vaden, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woodhouse and Worsham—78.

The question being on agreeing to the motion of Mr. BOULDIN, heretofore submitted, to disagree to the 3d amendment of the senate, which is as follows: Strike out the words "in his own discretion," and insert "to apply to any judge of a circuit court in vacation for leave" (the clause relating to investments by a fiduciary), Mr. NELSON of Louisa demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 39, noes 37.

On motion of Mr. McDONALD of Hampshire, the vote was recorded as follows :

AYES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bouldin, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Crockett, Custis, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Evans, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Fulton, Gatewood, Gilmer, Grattan, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Marye, McKinney, Montague, Orgain, Pitman, Reid, Rives, Sherrard, Tredway, Vaden, Vermillion, Walker, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Wright and Wynne—39.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Bass, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, Cazenove, Dunn, Edmunds, Fletcher, Franklin, Garrison, George, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, Jones, Jordan, Laidley, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Prince, Riddick, P. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, West and Worsham—37.

The 4th amendment of the senate was then amended, and as amended, agreed to.

The 5th amendment of the senate was agreed to, and the 6th disagreed to.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the action of the house to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence therein.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg submitted the following resolution; which being objected to, lies over under the rule :

Resolved, that hereafter, during the present session, this house will take a recess from 3 to 7½ o'clock P. M. daily.

No. 61. An engrossed bill to amend the charter of the Bank of Rockingham, was taken up, on motion of Mr. GRATTAN.

Mr. GRATTAN submitted a ryder to the bill; which was read a first

and second times, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WALKER,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of refunding to Christian Lander the tax erroneously assessed against him in 1857.

Mr. NOLAND submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire what further legislation is necessary to prevent "the unnecessary consumption of grain by distillers and other manufacturers of spirituous and malt liquors;" and that said committee do report, at the earliest day practicable, to this house.

Mr. ROBINSON moved to amend the resolution, by adding thereto the following: "and that said committee be further required to ascertain whether there is any constitutional authority for such restriction;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution, Mr. JONES demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

No. 79. An engrossed bill authorizing the court of appeals to hold its sessions at other places than Lewisburg, was taken up, read a third time and passed—Ayes 73.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Harrison, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Worsham—73.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, transmitting documents concerning beef packed at Saltville, showing that the beef was in good order; which were read, and on motion, referred to the committee on military affairs.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a further communication from the governor, transmitting a report from the adjutant general, furnishing additional muster rolls of companies in the Virginia state line; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on military affairs.

No. 82. A bill regulating the mode of binding out free negro apprentices, and for other purposes, was taken up, on motion of Mr. PRINCE, and read a second time; and the question being—Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time? on motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. WRIGHT,

Resolved, that leave be granted to H. H. Cauthorn and Wm. S. Clarke to withdraw, from the files of this house, their respective memorials, which have been referred to the committee for courts of justice.

On motion of Mr. EVANS, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Woodbridge of the Episcopal church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk,* was read as follows:

IN SENATE, March 3, 1863.

The senate have agreed to the amendment proposed by the house of delegates to senate bill entitled:

An act to incorporate the Farmville insurance company, No. 71.

Mr. ORGAIN, from the committee on agriculture and manufactures; presented the following bill:

No. 126. A bill incorporating the Elk river coal, oil and iron mining and manufacturing company of Kanawha county.

Mr. PRINCE submitted the following preamble and resolution; which being objected to, were laid over under the rule:

Whereas it is of the utmost importance that a general impressment law should be passed, so that the burdens of this war should be to some extent equalized between the citizens of the states of the Confederate States: and whereas every day's delay in passing an impressment law is acting most injuriously and unjustly upon many citizens of this state, from the fact that their property is being seized, and the price paid for the same is far below the market price: and whereas the house of representatives of the congress of the Confederate States did, on the day of 1863, pass a bill entitled an act to authorize and regulate the impressment of private property, for the use of the army and other military purposes, which has been communicated to the senate of the Confederate States, but has not yet been acted upon by that body: and whereas the said bill meets our approval: Therefore,

Resolved by the general assembly, that our senators are hereby instructed to urge the passage of the said bill, so that it may become a law with as little delay as possible.

Resolved, that a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution be furnished to each of our senators.

On motion of Mr. SAUNDERS of Franklin,

Resolved, that the governor of the commonwealth be requested to communicate to the general assembly the facts in his possession with regard to the forcible taking of Robert Goodson, a prisoner in the jail of Franklin county, from said jail, by a squad of soldiers in the service of the Confederate States, and what action, if any, he may have taken in regard to the matter.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR,

Resolved, that the committee on salt be enlarged by the addition of one member.

The SPEAKER announced Mr. Forbes as the additional member under the resolution.

No. 100. A bill authorizing the Monticello Bank to increase its contingent fund, was taken up, on motion of Mr. REID, and read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time.

Mr. ROBERTSON moved to amend the bill, by striking out the entire bill, and inserting a substitute therefor; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The bill as amended was then ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The joint resolutions authorizing the governor to demand of the president of the Confederate States to deliver C. A. J. Collins, who is confined in prison in North Carolina, to a justice of the peace in Prince George county, Virginia, to be tried, with the amendments proposed thereto by the committee on confederate relations, were taken up, on motion of Mr. NEWTON, and the amendments agreed to.

Ordered, that Mr. NEWTON carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. JOHNSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate insisted upon their third and sixth amendments to house bill entitled an act authorizing fiduciaries to invest funds in their hands in certain cases, and for other purposes, No. 78; and that they had disagreed to the amendment proposed by the house of delegates to the fourth amendment of the senate to said bill; and had agreed to the following resolution:

Resolved, that the senate ask for a committee of conference to consider the subject of disagreement between the two houses in relation to the bill entitled an act authorizing fiduciaries to invest funds in their hands in certain cases, and for other purposes, No. 78.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee on the part of the house: Messrs. Bouldin, Bass, Forbes, Marye and Davis.

The following senate bills were read a third time and passed:

No. 18. An act to amend and re-enact the twelfth section of chapter twenty of the Code of Virginia, so as to compensate the printer to the senate for printing and binding the journals of the senate at extra sessions—Ayes 74, noes 4.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Barbour, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, R. H. Carter, Cecil, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dunn, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fletcher, Flood, Franklin, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, Grattan, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward, West, J. L. Wilson, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Worsham, Wright and Wynne—74.

NOES—Messrs. Forbes, Hunt, Rives and Walker—4.

No. 48. An act authorizing the county court of Henrico to establish a public pound.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. COLLIER, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a bill incorporating the Submarine battery joint stock company, No. 73, with amendments: in which amendments they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 91. An engrossed bill imposing taxes for the support of government, was taken up, on motion of Mr. BARBOUR, and read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? Mr. PRINCE demanded the previous question; and the question being—Shall the main question be now put? was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 48, noes 36.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Bailey, Barbour, Bradford, Burks, A. L. Carter, Cecil, Crockett, Custis, Daniel, Dunn, Edmunds, Eggleston, Fletcher, Flood, Franklin, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, Grattan, Green, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lockridge, Lundy, Mallory, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Pitman, Powell, Reid, Richardson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Vermillion, Walker, West, Williams and Worsham—48.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Buford, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Davis, Evans, Forbes, Gilmer, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Jones, Magruder, Marye, McCamant, McKinney, Montague, Orgain, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, Tredway, Vaden, Ward, J. L. Wilson, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Wright and Wynne—36.

The question recurring on the passage of the bill, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 71, noes 19.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Crockett, Custis, Daniel, Davis, Dunn, Edmunds, Eggleston, Fletcher, Flood, Franklin, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lockridge, Magruder, Marye, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, McLatghlin, Montague, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Reid, Richardson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tyler, Vaden, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, Woodhouse, Woolfolk and Worsham—71.

NOES—Messrs. Bigger, Burks, Evans, Forbes, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Laidley, Lundy, Mallory, I. E. McDonald, Prince, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Staples, Tredway, J. L. Wilson, Wright and Wynne—19.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. CHRISTIAN, the senator from Augusta, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a senate bill entitled an act to secure representation in the general assembly for counties, cities, senatorial and election districts within the power of the public enemy, No. 80: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The bill was read a first and second times, and on motion, made the order of the day for Friday next at 12 o'clock, and ordered to be printed.

The report and resolution of the committee on confederate relations, on the governor's message in regard to Colonel Zarvona and others, was taken up; and the question being on agreeing to the resolution of the committee, which is as follows:

“Resolved by the senate and house of delegates of Virginia, that the governor be directed to turn over to the confederate authorities

all the prisoners of war captured by the forces under the command of General Floyd, or by any other troops acting under state authority, and now in his custody, as soon as arrangements can be made by the confederate government to receive them."

On motion of Mr. NEWTON, the house resolved itself into secret session.

The doors being opened,

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON, the house adjourned until tomorrow, 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Baker of the Episcopal church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, March 4, 1863.

The senate have passed a bill entitled:

An act to increase the charge for storage on tobacco, to the proprietors of tobacco warehouses, and to revive, after a certain period, the 4th and 5th sections of chapter 87 of the Code, edition of 1860, No. 74.

In which bill they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 74. A senate bill entitled an act to increase the charge for storage on tobacco, to the proprietors of tobacco warehouses, and to revive, after a certain period, the 4th and 5th sections of chapter 87 of the Code, edition of 1860, was taken up, read a first and second times, and referred to the committee on agriculture and manufactures.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill entitled an act incorporating the Submarine battery joint stock company, were taken up and concurred in.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the committee for courts of justice, to whom had been referred

No. 23. A senate bill entitled an act concerning officers of the state who have taken an oath to support an usurped government within the limits of this state, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. McCAMANT, from the committee of propositions and grievances, presented the following bill:

No. 127. A bill to incorporate the Southwestern insurance company of Abingdon.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, to whom had been recommitted

No. 32. A senate bill entitled an act for the relief of Josiah Wynne of Lee county, reported the same, with the recommendation that it do not pass.

On motion of Mr. WOOLFOLK,

Resolved, that the committee on finance be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill refunding to William J. Parrott one hundred and forty-four dollars and twenty-five cents, being a tax erroneously paid by him.

On motion of Mr. BUFORD,

Resolved, that a special committee of five be appointed to enquire into the expediency of establishing by law an inspection of flour in the town of Danville.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Buford, Baskervill, Rives, Gilmer and Riddick.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. CHRISTIAN, the senator from the county of Augusta, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed house bill entitled an act making an appropriation for the Central lunatic asylum, No. 85: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. NEWTON,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill authorizing executors, guardians and other fiduciaries, who have qualified in counties now in possession of the enemy, or threatened by them, to settle their accounts in any other county convenient to the parties interested.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, in response to a resolution adopted on yesterday, calling for information in regard to the forcible entry of the jail of Franklin county, by armed soldiers, acting under military orders, and the removal of a prisoner charged with felony; which, on motion, was referred to the committee on confederate relations, and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 32.

The joint resolutions expressing the high appreciation of the general assembly of the patriotic fortitude and devotion displayed by the women of Virginia, from the commencement of the present war, and proposing that a suitable monument should be erected to commemorate their many virtues, were taken up.

Mr. HUNTER moved to refer the preamble and resolutions to the committee of schools and colleges; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 70, noes 15.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Burks, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Garrison, Gilmer, Grat-tan, Hunter, Hunt, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Lundy, Mallory, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, McKinney, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Walker, Ward, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Woolfolk—70.

NOES—Messrs. Baker, Cazenove, Fulton, Gatewood, Green, H. L. Hopkins, James, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, Pitman, Sherrard, Vermillion, West, Woodhouse and Worsham—15.

No. 42. A senate bill entitled an act increasing the salaries of certain officers of the government, was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. BARBOUR moved to amend the bill, by striking out the entire bill, and inserting a substitute therefor; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. WOOLFOLK moved the indefinite postponement of the bill and amendment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. AMBERS demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 18, noes 68.

On motion of Mr. McCAMANT, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, Eggleston, Ewing, Fletcher, James, Johnson, Kyle, Mallory, I. E. McDonald, Rives, Rowan, P. Saunders, Staples, Thrash, Tomlin, Vermillion, Walker and Woolfolk—18.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Fleming, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Laidley, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Robertson, Rutherford, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tredway, Tyler, Ward, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woodhouse and Worsham—68.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment submitted by Mr. BARBOUR, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The bill as amended was then read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? the roll was called with the following result—Ayes 56, noes 27:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, Cazenove, Crockett, Daniel, Dice, Evans, Fleming, Forbes, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, Jones, Kaufman, Lockridge, Magruder, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Tredway, Tyler, Ward, Williams and S. M. Wilson—56.

NOES—Messrs. A. L. Carter, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Fletcher, Flood, Franklin, Fry, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kyle, Lundy, Mallory, I. E. McDonald, Powell, Prince, Rowan, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tomlin, Vermillion, Walker, J. L. Wilson and Worsham—27.

Resolved, that the bill be rejected.

Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt presented a letter from the adjutant of the state line, enclosing a register of the officers of the Virginia state line; which, on his motion, was referred to the committee on military affairs.

Also, a communication from Adjutant General Richardson, in relation to the ranger force; which was referred to the committee on military affairs.

On motion of Mr. NEWTON, the house resolved itself into secret session.

The report and resolution of the committee on confederate relations, on the governor's message in regard to Colonel Zarvona and others, being the unfinished business of yesterday, were taken up.

Mr. BUFORD submitted an amendment to the resolution, as follows:

“And the president is hereby respectfully requested to retain the custody of a sufficient number of such prisoners, until he shall obtain the return and regular exchange of any officer or soldier captured

while in the service of Virginia, and now held by the government of the United States as prisoners of war."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 49, noes 34.

On motion of Mr. BUFORD, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bradford, Buford, Burks, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Fletcher, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Laidley, Magruder, Marye, I. E. McDonald, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Richardson, Rowan, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson and S. M. Wilson—49.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffield (speaker), Ambers, Baskervill, Bigger, Bouldin, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, Crockett, Edmunds, Evans, Fleming, Forbes, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Kaufman, Kyle, Lockridge, Lundy, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Newton, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Rives, Robertson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Tomlin, Tyler and Worsham—34.

The resolution was then further amended, and as amended agreed to.

Ordered, that Mr. NEWTON carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

The doors being opened,

On motion of Mr. CARTER of Lancaster, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Baker of the Episcopal church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, March 5, 1863.

The senate have agreed to the report of the committee of conference, to whom were referred the subjects of disagreement between the two houses, in relation to the bill entitled an act authorizing fiduciaries to invest funds in their hands in certain cases, and for other purposes, No. 78.

They have agreed to the amendments proposed by the house of delegates to joint resolutions authorizing the governor to demand of the president of the Confederate States to deliver C. A. J. Collins, who is confined in prison in North Carolina, to a justice of the peace in Prince George county, Virginia, to be tried.

The amendment proposed by the senate to house bill entitled an act making an appropriation for the Central lunatic asylum, was taken up, and agreed to.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the committee on military affairs, to whom had been referred a communication from the adjutant of the Virginia state line, enclosing a register of the officers of the state line, presented the same, with a resolution that the communication be printed.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the same committee, to whom had been referred a communication from the governor of the state, enclosing a

communication from the adjutant general of the state, furnishing additional muster rolls of companies in the Virginia state line, presented the same, with a resolution that the communication be printed.

The documents were ordered to be printed. Docs. Nos. 35, 36.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the same committee, to whom had been referred a communication from the governor in relation to the beef salted for the state of Virginia at Saltville, presented a report, with a resolution that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the same committee, to whom had been re-committed

No. 125. A bill amending and re-enacting the 1st section of an act entitled an act to transfer the state troops and rangers to the confederate government, passed February 28, 1863, reported the same, with a recommendation that the house reconsider and reject the amendment to the bill agreed to by the house, and adopt the bill as reported from the select committee which presented it.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bill:

No. 128. A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to prevent the unnecessary consumption of grain by distillers and other manufacturers of spirituous and malt liquors, passed October 2, 1862.

Mr. ORGAIN, from the committee on agriculture and manufactures, presented the following bill:

No. 129. A bill to incorporate the Stonewall water power and manufacturing company of Richmond.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, transmitting a report from Maj. Gen. Samuel Jones, in regard to the breaking of the Franklin jail, and the forcibly taking therefrom Robert Goodson; which, with the accompanying documents, were referred to the committee on confederate relations, and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 34.

Mr. MARYE, from a special committee appointed to ascertain and report how far the exclusive control of the confederate government over the rail road transportation in the state may be regulated, so as to afford larger facilities for freight on private account, presented a report and resolutions, which were read, and on motion of Mr. NEWTON, laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 33.

Mr. BUFORD, from a special committee, presented the following bill:

No. 130. A bill to provide for an inspection of flour in the town of Danville; which, on his motion, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The preamble and resolutions heretofore submitted by Mr. PRINCE, instructing the senators from Virginia in relation to the subject of impressments, were taken up, on motion of Mr. PRINCE; and the question being on agreeing to the 1st resolution, which is as follows:

“Resolved by the general assembly, that our senators are hereby instructed to urge the passage of the said bill. so that it may become

a law with as little delay as possible"—was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 75, noes 8.

On motion of Mr. BURKS, the vote was recorded as follows :

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskerville, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Coleman, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Grattan, H. L. Hopkins, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, McCamant, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Rutherford, Sherrard, Staples, T. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Worsham and Wynne—75.

NOES—Messrs. Edmunds, Green, Hunter, Hunt, Johnson, Newton, Robinson and P. Saunders—8.

Mr. NOLAND moved to suspend the rule, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. GRATTAN demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 20, noes 61.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, the vote was recorded as follows :

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Bradford, Cazenove, Dice, Edmunds, Forbes, Green, Hunter, Johnson, Jones, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Noland, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Walker, Ward, West and Williams—20.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskerville, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Grattan, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, Mathews, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion, J. L. Wilson, Worsham and Wynne—61.

The second resolution was then agreed to.

The preamble was amended, on motion of Mr. BOULDIN, and as amended agreed to.

The preamble and resolutions, as agreed to, are as follows:

Whereas it is of the utmost importance that a general impressment law should be passed, so that the burdens of this war should be to some extent equalized between the citizens of the states of the Confederate States: and whereas every day's delay in passing an impressment law is acting most injuriously and unjustly upon many citizens of this state, from the fact that their property is being seized, and the price paid for the same is far below the market value: and whereas the house of representatives of the congress of the Confederate States did, on the day of 1863, pass a bill entitled an act to authorize and regulate impressment of private property, for the use of the army and other military purposes; which has been communicated to the senate of the Confederate States, but has not yet been finally acted upon by that body: and whereas the general assembly approve the principles and leading provisions of the said bill as it passed the house, and disapprove the bill now pending in the senate, as amended on the motion of Mr. SEMMES of Louisiana: Therefore,

Resolved by the general assembly, that our senators are hereby instructed to urge the passage of the said bill, so that it may become a law with as little delay as possible.

Resolved, that a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution be furnished to each of our senators.

Ordered, that Mr. PRINCE carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 80. A senate bill entitled an act to secure representation in the general assembly for senatorial districts, counties, cities and election districts within the power of the public enemy, on its second reading, being the order of the day, was taken up.

Mr. BURKS submitted an amendment thereto. Pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. BOULDIN, the chair was vacated until 7½ o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

No. 100. An engrossed bill entitled an act authorizing the Monticello Bank to increase its contingent fund, was taken up, on motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, the title was amended so as to read as follows:

“An act to amend and re-enact section 41, chapter 58 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, so as to authorize banks to increase their contingent funds.”

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence therein.

The following bills were read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time:

No. 66. A bill for the relief of George Cross and Elizabeth Cross, keeper and assistant keeper of the Craney island light-vessel.

No. 69. A bill for the relief of Edward S. White, keeper of the New Point light-house, and of the captain and crew of the Wolfe-Trap light-vessel.

No. 75. A bill authorizing the board of public works to impress free negroes and slaves for the improvement of New river.

No. 76. A bill providing more effectually for the arrest of deserters.

No. 77. A bill authorizing the sale by the county court of the district schoolhouses and lots of land thereto attached in the county of Henry.

No. 80. A bill to amend and re-enact the 10th section of chapter 86 of the Code of Virginia, relative to the public health.

No. 81. A bill refunding to Samuel E. Lybrook, sheriff of the county of Giles, a certain sum of money.

No. 83. A bill changing the names of the counties of Buchanan and Scott.

No. 86. A bill to amend and re-enact the 7th and 8th sections of chapter 104 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860.

No. 90. A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend section 11 of chapter 29 of the Code, so as to exempt the

property of persons in the military service of the state from distress for rent payable in money, passed February 19, 1862.

No. 92. A bill to amend and re-enact the 6th section of an act passed 19th March 1861, entitled an act to suspend sales and legal proceedings in certain cases.

On motion of Mr. MONTAGUE,

Resolved, that leave be given to withdraw house bill 142 of the session of 1861-62, from the files of this house, and that the same be referred to the committee on the penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight,

Resolved, that a select committee be appointed, with leave to bring in a bill to provide for establishing a precinct election in the county of Isle of Wight.

On motion of Mr. RUTHERFOORD,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of authorizing the circuit courts to adjourn questions of law to the court of appeals for decision in cases of treason or felony.

On motion of Mr. BURKS,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of so amending the 27th and 28th sections of chapter 57; as to dispense with the production of the certificate of any stock sequestrated as the property of an alien enemy, and ordered to be sold and transferred under a decree of a district court of the Confederate States.

Mr. BUFORD presented the petition of John Dix, praying to have refunded to him the amount of a license tax erroneously assessed against him; which was ordered to be referred to the committee on finance.

No. 80. A senate bill entitled an act to secure representation in the general assembly for senatorial districts, counties, cities and election districts within the power of the public enemy, with the amendment thereto submitted by Mr. BURKS, was taken up; and the question being on agreeing to the amendment, which was to strike out the word "within," and insert "for," (the section of the bill being as follows: "Be it enacted by the general assembly, that for any senatorial or election district, county or city *within* which no election of senator or delegate has been or can be made, by reason of the presence or power of the public enemy," &c.) Mr. GRATTAN demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 37, noes 35.

On motion of Mr. FORBES, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Bradford, Burks, R. H. Carter, Davis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Flood, Fry, Grattan, Green, Hunter, Hunt, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Marye, Mathews, A. W. McDonald, Newton, Prince, Rives, Rutherford, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Vermillion, Walker, West and Williams—37.

NOES—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, A. L. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Forbes, Franklin, Fulton, Garrison, Gilmer, Kaufman, Kyle, Magruder, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Robertson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Tredway, Tyler, Ward, J. L. Wilson and S. M. Wilson—35.

On motion of Mr. WEST, the bill was laid on the table, and made

the order of the day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock, and so on from day to day until disposed of.

Mr. WEST submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that when this house meets on Monday next, it will meet at 10 o'clock A. M.; take a recess at 3 o'clock P. M. until half past seven o'clock at night; and continue to meet at the hour aforesaid, and take such recess, to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. GRATTAN, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Baker of the Episcopal church.

Mr. RUTHERFOORD, from the committee for courts of justice, presented the following bill:

No. 130. A bill amending and re-enacting the second section of chapter 213 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, so as to increase the pay for keeping convicts confined in the penitentiary under sentence of a court of the Confederate States.

Mr. EDMUNDS, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill:

No. 131. A bill releasing Wm. B. Ball from the payment of a certain sum of money.

Mr. EDMUNDS, from the same committee, presented an adverse report to resolution enquiring into the expediency of refunding to Christian Landers the tax erroneously assessed against him in 1857.

Mr. MONTAGUE, from the joint committee on the penitentiary, presented the following bill:

No. 132. A bill to amend and re-enact the 18th section of the 14th chapter of the Code of Virginia.

Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight, from a special committee, presented the following bill:

No. 133. A bill establishing an election precinct at Mill swamp meeting house in the county of Isle of Wight; which, on his motion, was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. WILSON carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 120. A bill for the relief of certain persons engaged in the distillation of fruit, was taken up, on motion of Mr. TREDWAY, read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

No. 128. A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to prevent the unnecessary consumption of grain by distillers and other manufacturers of spirituous and malt liquors, passed October 2, 1862, was taken up, on

motion of Mr. NOLAND, read a first time, and on his motion, two-thirds concurring, a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 116. A bill amending and re-enacting the 19th section of chapter 61 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, was taken up, on motion of Mr. TOMLIN, read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The resolution heretofore submitted by Mr. WEST, in relation to the meeting of the house, was taken up, on his motion.

Mr. FLEMING moved to strike out "ten," and insert "eleven;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. BASS demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution as amended, Mr. BASS demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 68, noes 7.

On motion of Mr. BURKS, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffield (speaker), Ambers, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Buford, Burks, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Crockett, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Grattan, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lockridge, Lundy, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Tyler, Walker, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson and Worsham—68.

NOES—Messrs. Johnson, Jones, Magruder, W. G. T. Nelson, Tomlin, Vermillion and Ward—7.

The resolution as amended is as follows:

"Resolved, that when this house meets on Monday next, it will meet at 11 o'clock A. M.; take a recess at 3 o'clock P. M. until 7½ o'clock at night; and continue to meet at the hour aforesaid, and take such recess, to the end of the session."

No. 80. A senate bill entitled an act to secure representation in the general assembly for senatorial districts, counties, cities and election districts within the power of the public enemy, being the order of the day, was taken up.

The bill was then further amended, on motion of Mr. BURKS.

Mr. BRADFORD moved a suspension of the rule with a view to reconsider a vote of the house rejecting an amendment heretofore submitted, to strike out of the bill "each house to admit," (the clause reading "It shall be lawful for each house to admit the senator or delegate, as the case may be);" and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. BARBOUR demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 18, noes 59.

On motion of Mr. BRADFORD, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Baker, Bradford, Buford, Cazenove, Daniel, Dice, Green, Hunter, Johnson, Magruder, Marye, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Robinson, Rutherford, Tyler and S. M. Wilson—18.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffield (speaker), Ambers, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Burks, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cecil, Crockett, Davis, Edmunds, Eg-

gleston, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Garrison, George, Gilmer, Grattan, H. L. Hopkins, Jones Jordan, Kaufman, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Rives, Rowan, P. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, J. L. Wilson and Worsham—59.

The first section of the bill as amended is as follows:

"Be it enacted by the general assembly, that for any senatorial or election district, county or city, for and by which no election of senator or delegate has been or shall be made, by reason of the presence or power of the public enemy, it shall be lawful for each house to admit the senator or delegate, as the case may be, who last represented such district, county or city in the general assembly, to continue to discharge the duties of the office until successors, respectively, may be duly elected and qualified."

Mr. ROBERTSON moved to amend the bill, by striking out all of the 1st section after the words "Be it enacted," &c. down to the word "respectively," in the last line of the section, and to insert the following:

"That in any case where, by reason of the presence or power of the public enemy, no election of senator or delegate for any senatorial or election district, county or city to the next general assembly, can be made at the time fixed by law for holding elections thereto, it shall be lawful for the members respectively of the senate and of the house of delegates elected thereto, who shall meet duly at the time fixed by law to hold a session of the general assembly, or when and where convened by the governor, whether said members constitute more or less than a constitutional quorum of either or both of said bodies, to proceed at once, or at such time as they may fix, to fill, by election, all vacancies occasioned as aforesaid that may exist in their respective houses; the persons so elected to be to all intents and purposes representatives of the senatorial or election districts, counties or cities for which they shall be thus elected, entitled to discharge all the duties and enjoy all rights and privileges as such, until their successors respectively may be duly elected and qualified."

Mr. NEWTON moved to amend the amendment, by striking out all thereof, and inserting the following:

"That whenever, in consequence of the presence of the public enemy, vacancies exist in the representation of any senatorial district, city, county or election district, it shall be lawful for the senator or delegate, as the case may be, who last represented such district, county or city in the general assembly, provided he be a loyal citizen of this commonwealth, to continue to discharge the duties of the office until successors respectively be elected and qualified."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. RIVES moved an adjournment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—AYES 27, NOES 44.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, F. T. Anderson, Baskervill, Bass, Coleman, Dice, Fleming, George, Gilmer, Johnson, Jones, Laidley, Lively, Marye, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, Pitman, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, Thrash, Tomlin, Vermillion, Ward and J. L. Wilson—27.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Cazenove,

Cecil, Crockett, Davis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Garrison, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lockridge, Lundy, McCamant, McLaughlin, Montague, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Prince, Reid, Robertson, Rutherford, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, West, Williams, S. M. Wilson and Worsham—44.

Mr. BOULDIÑ moved that the chair be vacated until 7½ o'clock P. M.; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The chair was then vacated until 7½ o'clock P. M.

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EVENING SESSION.

No. 121. An engrossed bill entitled an act to enlarge the powers of the city of Lynchburg, was taken up, on motion of Mr. DAVIS, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence therein.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, enclosing a letter from Warwick & Barksdale, millers in the city of Richmond, and his reply thereto, in relation to impressment of flour owned by them, made by the authorities of the confederate government; which were read, and on motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, referred to the committee on confederate relations.

No. 106. A bill incorporating the Confederate manufacturing company at Scottsville, Virginia, was taken up, on motion of Mr. CARTER of Albemarle, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence therein.

No. 84. A bill authorizing the sale of a piece of land near the penitentiary, was taken up, on motion of Mr. MONTAGUE, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 114. A bill to incorporate the City insurance and savings society of Petersburg, was taken up, on motion of Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight, read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 80. A senate bill entitled an act to secure representation in the general assembly for senatorial districts, cities, counties and election districts within the power of the public enemy, being the order of the day, was taken up; and the question being on agreeing to the amendment submitted by Mr. NEWTON to the amendment submitted by Mr. ROBERTSON to the first section of the bill, Mr. CAZENOVE submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that upon the pending bill, or any amendment or substitute that may be offered to the same, no member shall speak longer than five minutes, or more than once to any one proposition; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. PRINCE demanded

the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the amendment submitted by Mr. NEWTON to the amendment submitted by Mr. ROBERTSON, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 61, noes 8.

On motion of Mr. FORBES, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Bass, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Gatewood, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lundy, Magruder, Mathews, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Rowan, Rutherford, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, Williams and J. L. Wilson—61.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Bigger, Garrison, I. E. McDonald, Rives, Robertson and Robinson—8.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment as amended, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. BUFORD moved to amend the section as amended, by striking out all thereof after the words "Be it enacted," and inserting the following:

"That in all cases in which, by reason of the presence or power of the public enemy, there has been or shall be a failure, on any day on which an election has been or shall be hereafter lawfully appointed to be held, to elect the senator, delegate or delegates to which any district, county or city was or may be entitled under the constitution, it shall be lawful for the senator, delegate or delegates who last represented such district, county or city, being loyal citizens of the commonwealth, to continue to discharge the duties of such office until successors respectively shall be duly elected and qualified; but nothing herein shall be so construed as to interfere with or impede in any respect the constitutional privilege of the respective houses to judge of the election, qualification and returns of its members."

And the question being on agreeing thereto. Mr. BURKS demanded a division of the question; which was agreed to by the house; and the question being on striking out the section as amended, was put, and decided in the negative.

The bill as amended was then read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 42, noes 28.

On motion of Mr. HUNTER, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Bass, Bigger, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Cazenove, Coleman, Dice, Ewing, Forbes, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Magruder, Mathews, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Rowan, Rutherford, Thrash, Tyler, Walker, Ward and Williams—42.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Bouldin, R. H. Carter, Cecil, Crockett, Davis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Franklin, Grattan, Hunter, Lively, Lundy, I. E. McDonald, Rives, Robertson, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion, West, J. L. Wilson and S. M. Wilson—28.

No. 104. An engrossed bill to provide relief for the poor families of soldiers from the city of Norfolk in the Confederate States service, was taken up, on motion of Mr. NEWTON, read a third time and passed—Ayes 69.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Burford, Burks, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lundy, Magruder, Mathews, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Rives, Robertson, Rowan, Rutherford, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson and S. M. Wilson—69.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McDONALD of Hampshire,

Resolved, that a special committee of five be appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the casting of the vote of certain counties partially in the power of the public enemy, and when the returns from said elections cannot be made to the courthouse, and that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. McDonald, Green, Fleming, Burks and Gilmer.

On motion of Mr. RUTHERFORD,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the trial of negroes by courts of oyer and terminer of other counties than those wherein the offence charged shall have been committed.

On motion of Mr. LIVELY, the house adjourned until Monday, 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Huston of Nashville.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, March 7, 1863.

The senate have passed house bill entitled:

An act to amend and re-enact section 41 chapter 58 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, so as to authorize banks to increase their contingent funds, No. 100.

Mr. RUTHERFORD, from the committee for courts of justice, to whom had been referred

No. 51. A senate bill entitled an act to amend the act passed March tenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an ordinance extending the jurisdiction of the county courts in certain cases, passed by the convention on the twenty-sixth day of June eighteen hundred and sixty-one, reported the same with amendments.

Mr. RUTHERFORD, from the same committee, presented the following bills:

No. 134. A bill to authorize the circuit courts to adjourn questions of law to the court of appeals for decision in cases of treason or felony.

No. 135. A bill to provide for the trial of negroes by courts of oyer and terminer of other counties than those wherein the offence shall have been committed.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. BALL, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the amendment proposed by the house of delegates to senate bill entitled an act to secure representation in the general assembly for senatorial districts, counties, cities and election districts within the power of the public enemy, No. 80.

Mr. BARBOUR presented the credentials of Thomas S. Haymond, elected a delegate to the general assembly from the county of Marion, at the election held on the 4th Thursday of May 1859, and who was one of the delegates who last represented the county of Marion in the general assembly, and moved that he be allowed to qualify and take his seat.

On motion of Mr. FORBES, the credentials of Mr. Haymond were referred to the committee of privileges and elections.

Mr. GREEN presented the credentials of Robert E. Cowan, late a delegate from the county of Preston; which, on his motion, were referred to the committee of privileges and elections.

No. 128. An engrossed bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to prevent the unnecessary consumption of grain by distillers and other manufacturers of spirituous and malt liquors, passed October 2, 1862, was taken up, on motion of Mr. NOLAND.

Mr. FORBES moved a suspension of the rule, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to its engrossment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. FORBES moved to amend the bill, by striking out the following:

"Provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to any distillation of spirituous or malt liquors from corn, wheat, rye or other grain, made by the confederate government, out of its own previously purchased grain, for medical purposes."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 50, noes 38.

On motion of Mr. FORBES, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Baskervill, Bass, Burks, R. H. Carter, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Crockett, Daniel, Dice, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Forbes, Franklin, Fulton, Garrison, Green, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Mathews, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, Newton, Noland, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Rowan, Shannon, Thrash, Tredway, Walker, Williams, S. M. Wilson and Worsham—50.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Barbour, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Cazenove, Davis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Flood, Fry, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Grattan, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, Magruder, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Powell, Riddick, Rives, Robinson, Rutherford, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tyler, Vermillion, West, J. L. Wilson, Wright and Wynne—38.

Mr. BOULDIN moved further to amend the bill, by inserting the following:

"Provided, that this act shall not be so construed as to impair any

existing contract legally entered into under the existing laws, or any rights growing out of any such contract."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. GRATTAN demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 47, noes 44.

On motion of Mr. WORSHAM, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Boul-din, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coleman, Davis, Edmunds, Evans, Fletcher, Flood, Fry, George, Glaner, Grattan, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, Jordan, Magruder, Marye, Mayo, McAnant, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Powell, Riddick, Rives, Robinson, Shannon, Staples, R. P. Taylor, Thomas, Tyler, West, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wil-son, Wright and Wynne—47.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, R. H. Carter, Coffman, Crockett, Daniel, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Forbes, Franklin, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, Green, J. H. Hopkins, Hun-ter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kantman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Mathews, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, Newton, Noland, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Rowan, Rutherford, Thrash, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, Wil-iams and Worsham—44.

Mr. NOLAND moved further to amend the bill, by inserting at the end of the proviso just adopted, the following: "But this proviso shall not be construed to refer to any other contracts than those made directly with the confederate authorities, under the provisions of the law of October 1862;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The bill was then further amended, on motion of Mr. BASS, and as amended read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the joint committee on the supply of salt, pre-sented a contract between the joint committee and John N. Clarkson, in relation to a supply of salt; which was read, and on motion of Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight, laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 37.

Mr. MAGRUDER, from the committee of privileges and elections, presented the following report and resolutions:

The committee of privileges and elections, to whom was this day referred the applications of Thomas S. Haymond and Robert E. Cowan—the one to be admitted as a delegate from the county of Marion, and the other as a delegate from the county of Preston, report, that the evidence before them shows that the said Haymond was duly elected a delegate from the county of Marion on the 4th Thursday in May 1859; and the said Cowan, at the same time, a delegate from the county of Preston.

It also appears, from a resolution adopted by this house on the day of _____, that vacancies existed in the represen-tation from both of said counties, in consequence of no election having been held in and for the same on the 4th Thursday in May 1861.

The committee is also satisfied that no elections have been held in either of said counties since, in consequence of the presence and power of the public enemy, and that the said Haymond and Cowan are loyal citizens of this commonwealth. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, that T. S. Haymond is entitled to a seat in this house, as one of the delegates for the county of Marion.

2. Resolved, that R. E. Cowan is entitled to a seat in this house, as one of the delegates for the county of Preston.

The resolutions were severally agreed to.

THOMAS S. HAYMOND, a delegate from the county of Marion, and ROBERT E. COWAN, a delegate from the county of Preston, appeared, were qualified, and took their seats in the house of delegates.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. CHRISTIAN, the senator from Middlesex, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a bill entitled an act establishing an agency in the city of Richmond for receiving and forwarding clothing, shoes and other supplies to Virginia soldiers, No. 34: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 34. A senate bill entitled an act establishing an agency in the city of Richmond for receiving and forwarding clothing, shoes and other supplies to Virginia soldiers, was taken up, read a first and second times, and on motion of Mr. EVANS, read a third time and passed—Ayes 82.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mayre, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Rowan, Rutherford, Shannon, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, West, J. L. Wilson and S. M. Wilson—82.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

No. 74. A senate bill entitled an act authorizing the personal representatives of John M. Alderson deceased, to deliver certain militia fines to the sheriff of Greenbrier county, was taken up, read a third time and passed—Ayes 87.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mathews, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Rives, Rowan, Rutherford, Shannon, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Worsham—87.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

No. 77. A bill authorizing the sale by the county court, of the district schoolhouses, and the lots of land thereto attached, in the county of Henry, was read a second time, and two-thirds concurring, ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. STAPLES carry the same to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence therein.

No. 96. A bill appropriating the public revenue for the fiscal year 1862-3, was taken up, and read a second time.

The bill was then amended; and the question being—Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time? on motion of Mr. McCAMANT,

the bill was laid on the table, and made the order of the day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. ARMSTRONG, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the preamble and resolution of instruction to the senators from Virginia, in relation to the subject of impressments, with a substitute thereto by way of amendment: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 114. An engrossed bill incorporating the Insurance and Savings society of Petersburg, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 105. A bill allowing stockholders of the Northwestern Bank to exchange their stock for Graziers Bank stock, under certain conditions, was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, the chair was vacated until 7½ o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

No. 103. A bill to amend the 39th section of chapter 184 of the Code, so as to increase fees to the clerks of Fluvanna and Albemarle for public services, was taken up, on motion of Mr. NELSON of Fluvanna, read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time. The bill was then amended, and on motion of Mr. BURKS, laid on the table.

Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge presented a preamble and resolutions in relation to the present war; which were read, and on motion, referred to the committee on confederate relations.

No. 84. An engrossed bill authorizing the sale of a piece of land near the penitentiary, was taken up, and on motion, laid on the table.

No. 89. A bill to stay proceedings on executions, trust deeds and other demands, in cases of refusal to receive payment in currency, and to repeal an act entitled an act to suspend sales and legal proceedings in certain cases, and to repeal an ordinance to provide against the sacrifice of property, and to suspend proceedings in certain cases, passed April 30, 1861, by the convention of Virginia; was taken up, on motion of Mr. MARYE, and read a second time.

Mr. JAMES moved the indefinite postponement of the bill; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 42, noes 39.

On motion of Mr. JAMES, the vote was recorded as follows: "

AYES—Messrs. Baskervill, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Crockett, Custis, Dice, Edmunds, Eggleston, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fulton, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Kyle, Laidley, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Riddick, Rives, Shannon, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Vaden, Vermillion, Walker, Williams, J. L. Wilson and Worham—42.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Burks, Cazenove, Cecil, Dabney, Davis, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Fry, Gatewood, George,

Gilmer, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, I. E. McDonald, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Reid, Robertson, Robinson, Rutherford, Thomas and West—39.

No. 73. A senate bill entitled an act refunding to William M. Hume, sheriff of Fauquier county, damages paid by him as such, was taken up, read a third time and passed—Ayes 77, noes 5.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Crockett, Custis, Dabney, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Evans, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Fulton, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Grattan, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Jones, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, Shannon, Thomas, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Walker, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson and Worsham—77.

NOES—Messrs. Edmunds, Ewing, Johnson, R. F. Taylor and Vermillion—5.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. BURKS, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1863.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, March 9, 1863.

The senate have passed house bills entitled:

An act to enlarge the powers of the council of the city of Lynchburg; No. 121.

An act establishing an election precinct at Mill swamp meeting house in the county of Isle of Wight, No. 133.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, presented the following bill:

No. 136. A bill authorizing the governor to deliver to B. B. and J. W. Cooley, an infant child of a slave named Harriet; which, on his motion, was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Mr. ORGAIN, from the committee on agriculture and manufactures, to whom had been referred

No. 74. A senate bill entitled an act to increase the charges for storage on tobacco, to the proprietors of tobacco warehouses, and to revive, after a certain period, the 4th and 5th sections of chapter 87 of the Code, edition of 1860, reported the same, with the recommendation that it do not pass.

Mr. McDONALD, from a special committee, presented the following bill:

No. 137. A bill to provide representation for the counties where the courthouses are in the possession or power of the public enemy; which was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 130. A bill to provide for an inspection of flour in the town

of Danville, was taken up, read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. BUFORD carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 88. An engrossed bill amending and re-enacting the 4th section of an act, passed 22d January 1862, entitled an act to authorize the establishment of a military school as a part of the instruction of Randolph Macon college, was taken up, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. BUFORD carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURKS,

Resolved, that the keeper of the rolls be authorized to have printed, in two or more of the newspapers published in the city, an act authorizing fiduciaries to invest funds in their hands in certain cases, and for other purposes, passed March 5, 1863.

No. 95. A bill to convert into stock, to be held by the state, the interest in arrear due by the South side rail road to the state, was taken up, on motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Mr. MAGRUDER, from the minority of the joint committee in relation to a supply of salt, presented a contract entered into between the minority of said committee and Charles A. Scott & Co., which was read, and on his motion, laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 38.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. COGHILL, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had disagreed to the substitute by way of amendment, proposed by the house of delegates to senate bill entitled an act to amend the first, third, fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth and tenth sections of an act to further provide for the public defence, passed October 3, 1862, No. 16, and that the senate asked a committee of conference on the subjects of disagreement between the two houses.

On motion of Mr. BURKS, the resolution was concurred in.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee on the part of the house: Messrs. Burks, Bouldin, Rutherford, Buford, McDonald of Hampshire, Anderson of Rockbridge, and Crockett.

Ordered, that Mr. BURKS inform the senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the committee on finance was enlarged, by the addition of one member.

The SPEAKER announced Mr. Haymond as the additional member.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. PENNYBACKER, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed house bill entitled an act to amend the charter of the Bank of Rockingham, No. 61, with sundry amendments: in which amendments they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 128. An engrossed bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to prevent the

unnecessary consumption of grain by distillers and other manufacturers of spirituous and malt liquors, passed October 2, 1862, was taken up, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. NOLAND carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. WITTEN, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a senate bill entitled an act amending and re-enacting the fifth and sixth sections of the act passed March 13, 1862, entitled an act to convert the Northwestern Bank of Virginia at Jeffersonville into a separate and independent bank, No. 78: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

Mr. BARBOUR submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the general assembly, that the contract between the joint committee of the senate and house of delegates and John N. Clarkson, in relation to a supply of salt, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed by the general assembly; which was laid on the table, and made the order of the day for to-morrow at 12 o'clock, and so on from day to day until disposed of.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, transmitting a communication from Gen. Francis H. Smith, superintendent of the Virginia military institute, in relation to the case of Cadet Daniel; which, with the accompanying documents, were referred to the committee on military affairs, and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 39.

On motion of Mr. GREEN,

Resolved, that a special committee of three be appointed to enquire into the expediency of repealing the act passed October 1st, 1862, entitled an act to legalize the manufacture of alcohol.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Green, Burks and Kyle.

On motion of Mr. MARYE,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the extension of the time within which the sheriff of Spotsylvania shall be required to pay in the taxes assessed for the year 1862 against the inhabitants of the town of Fredericksburg.

No. 96. A bill appropriating the public revenue for the fiscal year 1862-3, being the order of the day, was taken up.

Mr. HAYMOND moved to amend the bill, by inserting at the end of the 1st section the following: "to supply the penitentiary with raw material for manufacturing purposes, twelve thousand dollars; to be paid to the order of the superintendent thereof;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. CUSTIS moved to amend the bill, in that portion thereof making an appropriation to the Eastern lunatic asylum, by adding thereto the following: "and also the sum of three hundred and twenty-four dollars and thirty-seven cents, of which sum, one hundred and twenty-six dollars shall be paid to Robert Saunders, and one hundred and twenty-six dollars to Edward H. Lively, for the

hire of their servants for the year 1862; and to William H. Pierce, an officer, for services, the sum of seventy-two dollars and thirty-seven cents, balance due him for 1862."

The question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. BARBOUR moved to amend the bill, by adding thereto the following (at the end of this clause of the bill—to pay military expenses, other than the expenses of the state line and mountain rangers, to be paid upon the order of the auditing board, fifty thousand dollars):

"But the disbursements under this clause shall be limited to the payment of claims heretofore allowed by said auditing board; and all claims hereafter allowed by said board shall be reported to the general assembly for payment by appropriations by law, except claims embraced in the next following clause;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. FORBES moved to amend the bill, by inserting therein the following:

"To pay to Wm. M. Hume, sheriff of Fauquier county, or his legal representatives, seventy-three dollars and sixty cents, that being the amount to which he is entitled by law for conveying a lunatic from said county of Fauquier to the asylum at Williamsburg; which said amount is to be deducted from the appropriation to said institution for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1862."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The bill was then further amended, and as amended, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. WITEN, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a bill entitled an act amending and re-enacting the fifth and sixth sections of the act passed March 13, 1862, entitled an act to convert the Northwestern Bank of Virginia at Jeffersonville into a separate and independent bank: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates

Subsequently, the bill was read a first and second times, amended, and as amended, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. BURKS carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

The preamble and resolution of instruction to the senators from Virginia, in relation to the subject of impressment, with the substitute therefor, proposed by the senate, was taken up; and the question being on agreeing to the substitute, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 9, noes 77.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Bradford, Fleming, Gilmer, Green, Johnson, Lockridge, A. W. McDonald, Rowan and S. M. Wilson—9.

NOES—Messrs. Shetty (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bigger, Bouldin, Burks, R. H. Carter, Cecil, Coffman, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Fulton, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Kauf-

man, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, Shannon, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tredway, Vaden, Ward, West, J. L. Wilson, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wynne—77.

Ordered, that Mr. PRINCE inform the senate thereof.

No. 109. A bill to amend the 3d and 4th sections of the act to authorize the Upper Appomattox company to enlarge their capital stock, and for other purposes, was taken up, read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence therein.

No. 98. A bill to extend the time within which to institute proceedings or prosecutions for misdemeanors in counties, cities and towns in possession of or threatened by the enemy, was taken up, read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 94. A bill for the relief of George W. Chambers, was taken up, read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 58. A bill appropriating money to finish and repair the road from Tazewell courthouse to Chapmansville in Logan county, was taken up, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 119. A bill to provide for the election of county officers in certain cases; was taken up, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. BURKS carry the same to the senate, and respectfully request their concurrence therein.

No. 116. An engrossed bill amending and re-enacting the 19th section of chapter 61 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, was taken up, on motion of Mr. BURKS, read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. BURKS, the title was amended, so as to add thereto the following: "so as to require rail road companies to give receipts showing the weights of freights."

Ordered, that Mr. BURKS carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence therein.

The hour of three o'clock having arrived, the chair was vacated until 7½ o'clock.

————— EVENING SESSION.

No. 137. An engrossed bill to provide representation for the counties where the courthouses are in the possession or power of the public enemy, was taken up, two-thirds concurring, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 113. A bill forfeiting lands of citizens of the United States in this commonwealth, when said lands are claimed by loyal citizens under grants from the commonwealth, to transfer the same to them, was taken up, on motion of Mr. McCAMANT, read a second time, and on motion, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

No. 72. A bill allowing the Lynchburg, Franklin, Citizens and Washington building fund associations to purchase their stocks, was taken up, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 122. A bill increasing the compensation of the interior guard at the penitentiary, was taken up, read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 120. A bill for the relief of certain persons engaged in the distillation of fruit, was taken up, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 103. A bill to amend the 39th section of chapter 184 of the Code, so as to increase fees to the clerks of Fluvanna and Albemarle for public services, was taken up, amended, and as amended, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Mr. GREEN, from a special committee, presented the following bill:

No. 138. A bill to repeal the act passed October 1st, 1862, entitled an act legalizing the manufacture of alcohol; which was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 126. A bill incorporating the Elk river coal, oil and iron mining and manufacturing company of Kanawha county, was taken up, on motion of Mr. ORGAIN, read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 98. An engrossed bill to extend the time within which to institute proceedings for misdemeanors in counties, cities and towns in possession of or threatened by the enemy, was taken up, two-thirds concurring, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 60. A senate bill entitled an act to increase the allowance for the board and lodging of jurors in criminal cases, was taken up, read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 63, noes 3.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Bigger, Buford, Burks, R. H. Carter, Cecil, Clarke, Coleman, Crockett, Custis, Dabney, Davis, Dice, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Flood, Fry,

Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, P. Saunders, Sherrard, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Woolfolk and Worsham—63.

NOES—Messrs. Bouldin, Johnson and Tomlin—3.

Resolved, that the bill be rejected.

On motion of Mr. BOULDIN, the rule was suspended, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected, and the bill laid upon the table.

The following senate bills were read a second time, and on motions severally made, laid upon the table:

No. 32. An act for the relief of Josiah Wynne of Lee county.

No. 57. An act to amend the sixth section of chapter 200 of the Code, in relation to the sale of free negroes.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER,

Resolved, that leave be granted to report a bill amending the charter of the Albemarle and Nelson mining and smelting company.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Magruder, Fleming and Jones.

No. 51. A senate bill entitled an act to amend the act passed March tenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an ordinance extending the jurisdiction of the county courts in certain cases, passed by the convention on the 26th day of June 1861, was read a second time, and on motion, laid on the table.

No. 23. A senate bill entitled an act concerning officers of the state who have taken an oath to support an usurped government within the limits of this state, was read a second time, amended, and on motion, laid on the table.

Mr. DABNEY submitted the following preamble and resolutions; which were referred to the committee on confederate relations:

Whereas, under the resolutions of the convention of Virginia of the 29th of June 1861, and in pursuance thereof, the governor of said state did turn over and transfer, during the war, to the Confederate States, all machinery, stores, &c. captured at Harpers Ferry, and the armory buildings, and all attachments and appurtenances belonging thereto, upon terms stated in a certain written agreement made and signed on the 31st of August 1861, and now on deposit in the office of the attorney general of this commonwealth: and whereas information has been obtained that the Confederate States desire to place in said armory more machinery than was originally contemplated, and to enlarge said buildings, with the view to increase largely the production of arms; and it is not desirable, in making the necessary increased expenditures by said Confederate States, that their right to use said buildings should terminate immediately at the end of the war: Therefore,

Resolved, that the state of Virginia will not resume possession of the buildings known as the armory, and such machinery as may be owned by her, at the end of the war, as provided in the agreement

made between said state of Virginia and the Confederate States, but will, after the termination of the war, give twelve months' notice, by resolution of their legislature, before resuming possession.

Resolved, that all the conditions of transfer contained in the articles of agreement between the state of Virginia and the Confederate States, above alluded to, shall remain unchanged, except in the particulars contained in the preceding resolution.

No. 74. A senate bill entitled an act to increase the charge for storage on tobacco, to the proprietors of tobacco warehouses, and to revive, after a certain period, the 4th and 5th sections of chapter 87 of the Code, edition of 1860, was taken up, read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? was put, and no quorum appearing,

On motion of Mr. GRATTAN, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Read of the Presbyterian church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, March 10, 1863.

The senate have passed house bills entitled:

An act to establish an inspection of tobacco at Keen's warehouse in the town of Danville, No. 97.

An act incorporating the Insurance and Savings society of Petersburg, No. 14.

And they have passed bills entitled:

An act to provide against the forfeiture of compensation to fiduciaries in certain cases, No. 85.

An act to authorize the use of the jails of the state by the Confederate States, No. 87.

In which bills they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill No. 61, an act to amend the charter of the Bank of Rockingham, were taken up and concurred in.

No. 85: A senate bill entitled an act to provide against the forfeiture of compensation to fiduciaries in certain cases, was taken up, read a first and second times, and on motion of Mr. BURKS, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

No. 87. A senate bill entitled an act to authorize the use of the jails of the state by the Confederate States, was read a first and second times, and referred to the committee for courts of justice.

Mr. FLOOD, from the committee on finance, to whom had been referred

No. 33. A senate bill entitled an act for the relief of James M. Laidley and Thomas S. A. Matthews, reported the same without amendment.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. ARMSTRONG, who informed the house of delegates that the senate insist on their amendment to the preamble and resolution of instruction to the senators from Virginia, in relation to the subject of impressment, and asked for a committee of conference.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, enclosing a communication from Col. Fontaine, president of the Virginia Central rail road company, in regard to hands to keep the same in good repair; which was referred to the select committee on the subject of rail road transportation.

Mr. JONES, from the committee on military affairs, to whom had been referred a communication from the governor, and accompanying documents, relative to supplies furnished state troops by the quartermaster general's department, presented a report; which, on his motion, was laid on the table.

An engrossed bill entitled an act authorizing the payment of interest on bonds given for the Confederate States war tax, after the day of payment, was taken up, on motion of Mr. NOLAND, read a third time and passed—Ayes 98, no 1.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffinan, Cowan, Crockett, Custis, Dabney, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Worskam, Wright and Wynne—98.

No—Mr. Johnson—1.

Ordered, that Mr. NOLAND carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. NASH, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the Richmond importing and exporting company, passed February 21st, 1863, No. 104: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, the resolution of the senate asking a committee of conference in relation to the instructions to the senators from Virginia on the subject of impressments, was taken up and concurred in.

The CHAIR announced the following committee on the part of the house: Messrs. Prince, Bouldin, Anderson of Rockbridge, Magruder, Haymond and McCamant.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. CHRISTIAN, the senator from Augusta, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed house bill entitled an act to limit the produc-

tion of tobacco and increase the production of grain, No. 40, with amendments: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the house resolved itself into secret session.

The doors being opened, the following resolution, heretofore submitted by Mr. BARBOUR, being the order of the day, was taken up:

"Resolved by the general assembly, that the contract between the joint committee of the senate and house of delegates and John N. Clarkson, in relation to a supply of salt, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed by this general assembly."

Mr. MAGRUDER moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the entire resolution, and inserting the following:

"Resolved by the general assembly, that the contract entered into between the minority of the joint committee of the senate and house of delegates and Messrs. Scott & Co., dated March 9th, 1863, in relation to a supply of salt, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed by the general assembly."

And the question being on agreeing thereto—pending the consideration thereof, the hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, the chair was vacated until 7½ o'clock P. M.

— EVENING SESSION.

Mr. WOOLFOLK, from the special committee to examine into the manner in which the negro slaves working upon the fortifications around Richmond are and have been treated, presented a report; which, on his motion, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 40.

No. 103. An engrossed bill to amend the 39th section of chapter 184 of the Code, so as to increase the compensation of clerks of courts for public services, was taken up, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. MAGRUDER carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 123. A bill appropriating the sum of dollars for arming the interior guard at the penitentiary, was taken up, read a first time, amended, and as amended, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 136. An engrossed bill authorizing the governor to deliver to B. B. and J. W. Cooley an infant child of a slave named Harriet, was taken up, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. HART, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed house bill entitled an act incorporating the Confederate manufacturing company at Scottsville, Virginia, No. 106.

The resolution heretofore submitted by Mr. BARBOUR, with the

amendment thereto submitted by Mr. MAGRUDER, was taken up; and the question being on agreeing to the amendment—pending the consideration thereof,

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Read of the Episcopal church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, March 11, 1863.

The senate have passed house bills entitled:

An act to provide for an inspection of flour in the town of Danville, No. 130.

An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to prevent the unnecessary consumption of grain by distillers and other manufacturers of spirituous and malt liquors, passed October 2d, 1862, No. 128.

An act amending and re-enacting the 19th section of chapter 61 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, so as to require rail road companies to give receipts showing the weights for freights, No. 116.

An act to provide for the election of county officers in certain cases, No. 119.

An act amending and re-enacting the 4th section of an act passed 22d January 1862, entitled an act to authorize the establishment of a military school as a part of the instruction of Randolph Macon college, No. 88.

An act allowing the Lynchburg, Franklin, Citizens and Washington building fund associations to purchase their stock, No. 72.

An act authorizing the sale, by the county court, of the district schoolhouses, and the lots of land thereto attached, in the county of Henry, No. 77.

An act to amend the 39th section of chapter 184 of the Code, so as to increase the compensation of clerks of courts for public services, No. 103.

And they have agreed to the amendments of the house of delegates to senate bill entitled:

An act amending and re-enacting the fifth and sixth sections of the act passed March 13, 1862, entitled an act to convert the Northwestern Bank of Virginia at Jeffersonville into a separate and independent bank, No. 78.

No. 104. A senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the Richmond importing and exporting company, passed February 21st, 1863, was taken up, read a first and second times, amended, and as amended, read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. ROBERTSON carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill entitled an act to limit the production of tobacco and increase the production of grain, No. 40, was taken up.

Mr. SAUNDERS of Franklin moved to amend the 1st amendment of the senate, which is, in the 1st section, 4th line, to strike out "five thousand hills," and insert "twenty-five hundred plants;" to strike out the word "plants," and insert "hills;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. EVANS, the rule was suspended, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to the amendment submitted by Mr. SAUNDERS, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. WYNNE moved to amend the amendment, by striking out "twenty-five hundred," and inserting "one hundred;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. EVANS demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 27, noes 74.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Baker, Bigger, Bradford, A. L. Carter, Custis, Daniel, Dice, Evans, Fletcher, Forbes, Fry, Green, Hunter, Hunt, Kyle, Lively, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, Murdaugh, Riddick, Tyler, Ward and Wynne—27.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Baskerville, Bass, Booton, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Flood, Gatewood, Gilmer, Grattan, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, I. E. McDonald, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Worsham and Wright—74.

The question recurring on agreeing to the amendment of the senate, Mr. SAUNDERS of Campbell demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 84, noes 19.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Burks, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffman, Cowan, Crockett, Custis, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wright—84.

NOES—Messrs. Baker, Baskerville, Buford, Cecil, Coleman, Edmunds, Jordan, Lively, Mallory, McKinney, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, Powell, Prince, Riddick, Tomlin, West, Worsham and Wynne—19.

Mr. MALLORY moved the indefinite postponement of the bill and amendment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 8, noes 94.

On motion of Mr. FORBES, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Baskerville, Coleman, Edmunds, Mallory, Prince, R. C. Saunders, Tomlin and Worsham—8.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Bonton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, Cowan, Crockett, Custis, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Evans, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk, Wright and Wynne—94.

The question being on agreeing to the second amendment proposed by the senate, which is as follows: Strike out "fourteen and sixty-five," and insert "sixteen and fifty-five"—Mr. EVANS demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the senate's third amendment, which is as follows: Strike out the word "hills," and insert in lieu thereof the word "plants"—Mr. BARBOUR demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

The question being on the fourth amendment of the senate, which is as follows: Add at the end thereof the words "and no planter shall plant a crop of more than eighty thousand plants"—was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the senate's fifth amendment, which is as follows: Strike out the words "one hundred," and insert in lieu thereof the words "five hundred"—was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the senate's sixth amendment, which is as follows: Strike out from the word "dollars," in the fourth line, to the word "and," in the sixth line—was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. ARMSTRONG, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to a resolution for the extension of the present session of the general assembly, as follows:

Resolved by the general assembly, that the present session of the general assembly be extended until Monday the 23d day of this month, unless the public business be sooner dispatched: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The resolution was taken up; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and the roll was called, with the following result—Ayes 58, noes 47:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskerville, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Coffman, Cowan, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Garrison, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Jones, Kaufman, Laidley, Lockridge, Magruder, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Pitman, Richardson, Robert-

son, Rutherford, P. Saunders, Sherrard, Tomlin, Ward, Williams, S. M. Wilson and Wynne—58.

NOES.—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Booton, Burks, A. L. Carter, Cecil, Clarke, Crockett, Custis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fletcher, Franklin, Fry, Gatewood, Grattan, H. L. Hopkins, Johnson, Jordan, Kyle, Lively, Lundy, Mallory, Mathews, Montague, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rowan, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker, West, J. L. Wilson, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wright—47.

Three-fifths of the members elected not having voted for the resolution,

Resolved, that the resolution be rejected.

Mr. TREDWAY moved a suspension of the rule, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was rejected; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. BOULDIN moved to amend the resolution, by striking out all thereof after the word "extended," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "for the period of ten days; and that the general assembly, when it shall adjourn on Saturday next, will adjourn to meet on the second Monday in April next;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. McDONALD of Wyoming demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution from the senate, Mr. GRATTAN moved to lay the resolution on the table; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. GRATTAN demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative.

Mr. BOULDIN moved to amend the resolution of the senate, by striking out the words "twenty-third," and inserting "thirtieth" (so as to extend the session until the 30th of March); and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. BASS demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 39, noes 58.

On motion of Mr. BOULDIN, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Cazenove, Coleman, Cowan, Dabney, Daniel, Dice, Forbes, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Grattan, Haymond, Hunter, Jones, Laidley, Magruder, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Pitman, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Tomlin, Williams and S. M. Wilson—39.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bass, Booton, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, Crockett, Custis, Davis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Fletcher, Flood, Franklin, Gilmer, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, James, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Mallory, Mathews, Montague, W. G. T. Nelson, Orgain, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Rowan, Rutherford, Shannon, Staples, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wright—58.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution from the senate, was put, and the roll was called; with the following result—Ayes 66, noes 37:

AYES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Coffman, Coleman, Cowan, Dabney, Daniel, Dice, Evans, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Laidley, Lockridge, Magruder, Maye, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain,

Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Tomlin, Tyler, Ward, West, Williams, S. M. Wilson and Wynne—66.

NOES—Messrs. Booton, Burks, Cecil, Clarke, Crockett, Davis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Ewing, Fletcher, Franklin, Fry, Grattan, H. L. Hopkins, Jordan, Kyle, Lively, Lundy, Mallory, Mathews, Montague, W. G. T. Nelson, Powell, Prince, Riddick, Robertson, Shannon, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wright—37.

Three-fifths of the members elected not having voted for the resolution,

Resolved, that the resolution be rejected.

Mr. GRATTAN moved to suspend the rule, with a view of reconsidering the vote by which the resolution was rejected; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question again being on agreeing to the resolution, on motion of Mr. GRATTAN, the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. TREDWAY submitted the following resolution; which, on his motion, was laid on the table:

Resolved by the general assembly, that the present session of the general assembly be extended for the period of ten days, and that when the two houses shall adjourn on Monday next, they will adjourn to meet again on the 2d Wednesday in April next (1863).

On motion of Mr. CAZENOVE,

Resolved, that for the residue of the present session, no member shall speak more than once to any question which may be before the house, nor for a longer period than fifteen minutes.

The order of the day, being the resolution submitted by Mr. BARBOUR, in relation to the contract entered into between a joint committee of the senate and house of delegates and John N. Clarkson, in relation to a supply of salt, was taken up; and the question being on agreeing to the amendment submitted by Mr. MAGRUDER, in effect to ratify a contract with Charles Scott & Co., made by a minority of the joint committee—pending the consideration thereof,

On motion, the further consideration of the order of the day was postponed until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

The hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, the chair was vacated until 7½ o'clock P. M.

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Mr. EGGLESTON moved that the house adjourn until to-morrow at 11 o'clock; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

No quorum voting, Mr. ROBINSON moved a call of the house; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. ROBINSON moved an adjournment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

No quorum voting, Mr. ROBINSON moved a call of the house; and

the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. BIGGER moved an adjournment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 12, noes 47.

On motion of Mr. BIGGER, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Bigger, Cowan, Eggleston, H. L. Hopkins, James, Johnson, Magruder, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, Riddick, Robinson and Rowan—12.

NOES—Messrs. Baker, Bass, Booton, Bouldin, Burks, Cecil, Clarke, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Edmunds, Evans, Ewing, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Garrison, Gatewood, Green, Haymond, Hunt, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lundy, Mallory, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Robertson, P. Saunders, Shannon, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tredway, West, Woodhouse, Woolfolk and Worsham—47.

Mr. WOOLFOLK moved a call of the house; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. ROBINSON moved an adjournment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 5, noes 61.

On motion of Mr. TREDWAY, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. H. L. Hopkins, Magruder, I. E. McDonald, McKinney and Robinson—5.

NOES—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Burks, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Cecil, Clarke, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Garrison, Gatewood, Grattan, Green, Haymond, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Mallory, Mathews, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Rowan, P. Saunders, Shannon, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, West, Woodhouse, Woolfolk and Worsham—61.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. COGHILL, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had on its part agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the subjects of disagreement between the two houses in relation to senate bill entitled an act to amend the first, third, fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth and tenth sections of an act to further provide for the public defence, passed October 3, 1862.

No. 115. A bill to provide for voting by persons in the military service, and persons absent from their respective counties and corporations on account of the presence of the public enemy, in elections for members of congress, and for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, was taken up, on motion of Mr. JAMES, and read a second time.

Mr. ROBINSON moved to amend the bill in the 1st section, by inserting after the words "Confederate States," in the 3d line, relating to election of members of congress, and inserting "or of senators or delegates to the general assembly of Virginia;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. SAUNDERS of Franklin moved to amend the bill, by striking out the third section. Pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Atkinson of Hampden Sidney college.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. HART, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a senate bill entitled an act to amend an act passed March 5, 1852, entitled an act to amend the charter of the Albemarle and Nelson mining and smelting company, No. 99: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, March 12, 1863.

The senate have passed house bills entitled:

An act authorizing the court of appeals to hold its sessions at other places than Lewisburg, No. 79.

An act authorizing the payment of interest on bonds given for the Confederate States war tax, after the day of payment, No. 53.

They have agreed to the amendment proposed by the house of delegates to senate bill entitled:

An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the Richmond importing and exporting company, passed February 21, 1863.

And they have passed a bill entitled:

An act to amend and re-enact the first section of an act entitled an act to increase jailors' fees for keeping and supporting prisoners, passed September 24, 1862, No. 88.

In which they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 88. A senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact the first section of an act entitled an act to increase jailors' fees for keeping and supporting prisoners, passed September 24, 1862, was read a first and second times, and on motion, laid upon the table.

No. 99. A senate bill entitled an act to amend an act passed March 5, 1852, entitled an act to amend the charter of the Albemarle and Nelson mining and smelting company, was taken up, read a first and second times, and two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, enclosing a report from the commissioner of public warehouses, in regard to the recent fire, which partially destroyed the state buildings; which were ordered to be referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. NEWTON, from the committee of schools and colleges, to whom had been referred the preamble and resolutions adopted by the senate in compliment to the women of Virginia, presented a report, containing a substitute therefor.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the committee on military affairs, to whom had been referred

No. 55. A senate bill entitled an act authorizing the auditing board to pay junior majors of militia regiments for services actually performed, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee on finance, presented an adverse report to a resolution in regard to the expediency of refunding a license tax to William J. Parrott.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. QUESENBERRY, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a senate bill entitled an act for the relief of Wm. M. Kelley of Caroline county, No. 81: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

Mr. WEST submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that the clerk of the house of delegates cause to be published once, in the daily and semi-weekly issues of the Examiner, Sentinel, Whig, Enquirer and Dispatch, the act passed by the general assembly, limiting the production of tobacco.

Mr. MALLORY submitted a substitute by way of amendment—pending the consideration of which, on motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, the resolution and amendment were laid on the table.

Mr. BURKS, from a committee of conference, presented the following report:

The joint committee of conference on the disagreement of the two houses on senate bill No. 26, entitled an act to amend the first, third, fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth and tenth sections of an act to further provide for the public defence, passed October 3, 1862, have had the same under consideration, and propose and recommend the bill herewith reported, as a substitute for the senate bill, and the substitute proposed thereto by the house of delegates.

RO. A. COGHILL,
Chm'n Senate Com'ee.

E. C. BURKS,
Chm'n House Com'ee.

The report of the committee of conference was agreed to.

Ordered, that Mr. BURKS inform the senate that the house of delegates, on their part, had agreed to the report of the committee of conference.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. COGHILL, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a bill entitled an act to suspend proceedings in certain cases, and on executions, attachments, distress warrants, trust deeds and other demands, in cases of refusal to receive payments in currency receivable in payments to the state, and to repeal the act passed March 29, 1862, entitled an act to suspend sales and legal proceedings in certain cases, No. 97: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

Mr. HUNTT, from the committee on enrolled bills, presented the following report:

The committee on enrolled bills having examined certain such bills, they are respectfully reported for further examination.

Ordered, that Mr. GRATTAN carry the same to the senate, for further examination and signature.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the order of the day, the resolution heretofore submitted by Mr. BARBOUR, in relation to the contract for salt, being the order of the day, was taken up; and the question being on agreeing to the amendment to the resolution heretofore submitted by Mr. MAGRUDER, Mr. BARBOUR, by leave of the house, modified the resolution submitted by him, so as to read as follows:

"Resolved by the general assembly, that the contract between the joint committee of the senate and house of delegates and John N. Clarkson, in relation to the supply of salt, bearing date on the 6th day of March 1863, and in the words and figures following, to wit:

Articles of agreement, made this 6th day of March 1863, between William F. Thompson, chairman of the committee appointed by the senate of Virginia, and James Barbour, chairman of the committee appointed by the house of delegates of Virginia, the two committees constituting a joint committee of the general assembly of Virginia on the subject of a supply of salt, and acting as such for and on behalf of the said commonwealth, of the first part, and J. N. Clarkson of the second part, witnesseth:

The said Clarkson doth propose, without the right to retract or withdraw the same, the following terms for the production and delivery of salt to the commonwealth of Virginia, and the parties of the first part do accept the same on behalf of the said joint committee, but their action shall not be binding on the said commonwealth until this agreement shall be ratified and confirmed by the general assembly of Virginia:

First—The commonwealth of Virginia proposing by law to impress for public use the property herein after set out, agrees to lease to said Clarkson, for the term of one year fully to be completed, commencing on or before the 15th day of March 1863, and ending one year thereafter, or after the day upon which possession is actually given, the following property:

A parcel of land described as follows: Such of the land used by, owned or in the possession of Stuart, Buchanan & Co., or either of them, lying in the counties of Smyth and Washington, as adjoins the lands of Wyndham Robertson on the side above the furnace of Thomas R. Friend, and extends down the valley to the furnaces known as the "River works," including the same, containing, by estimation, 400 acres, together with all the houses, tenements, wells, fixtures, engines and appurtenant offices, storehouses, mill, &c., belonging to the same (except the dwelling houses and curtilages occupied by William A. Stuart and Parker, of the firm of Stuart, Buchanan & Co.); it being all the real property at present used and worked by the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co., and by their lessees, Friend, Clarkson, Kelly and Gardner, and the furnaces known as the "River works," in all numbering ten furnaces, including the fixtures, engines and buildings thereon and thereto attached: and the said Clarkson shall have the privilege of cutting, quarrying and carrying away from any of the lands owned by or in the possession of the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co., or either of them, sufficient quantities of stone, wood and timber for carrying on the manufacture of salt. And the said commonwealth doth agree to guarantee to the said Clarkson the quiet and peaceable possession of the leased premises, against the claims of all persons whatsoever.

But it is understood and agreed that only so much of the salt water from the wells above mentioned is included in this lease, as will be sufficient to operate the ten furnaces to the full extent of the boiling capacity of said furnaces.

Second—The commonwealth of Virginia doth further agree to impress all the wood now cut or contracted for, and all the sacks, provisions and forage; also all the tools belonging to or used about the manufacture of salt, now in the possession of Stuart, Buchanan & Co., or their lessees aforesaid; also all the wagons, mules, horses, gear and other personal property owned or used by Stuart, Buchanan & Co., or their lessees, for the purposes or in connection with any of the ten furnaces aforesaid. And the said Clarkson agrees to pay the valuation of the said wagons and teams, and the cost of the sacks, supplies and wood, to the said commonwealth; twenty-five per cent. of the cost of the same to be paid out of each month's delivery of salt under this contract for the first four months, to the commonwealth.

And the said commonwealth of Virginia doth further agree to impress for the term of lease aforesaid, all the slaves owned or hired and employed at any of the said furnaces, or about the business thereof, by the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co., or their lessees, and to put the same so impressed into the possession of said Clarkson, he agreeing on his part to pay

to the commonwealth the assessed value of the hires or services of the slaves for the said term.

And the commonwealth of Virginia further agrees to guarantee to the said Clarkson transportation on the rail roads for wood and supplies required for the business of salt-making aforesaid; the same to be paid for by the said Clarkson, at fair and reasonable rates.

Third—For and in consideration of the lease hereby proposed to be made to him, the said Clarkson covenants and agrees to pay to the said commonwealth, for the period aforesaid, one hundred thousand dollars, one-twelfth part thereof to be paid at the end of each month from the delivery of salt.

Fourth—And the said Clarkson on his part covenants and agrees that from the salt so to be manufactured by him on the property aforesaid, he will deliver, in merchantable condition, to the commonwealth of Virginia, on or before the 15th day of March 1864, 700,000 bushels of salt, of which 75,000 bushels shall be delivered during each of the eight months next following after the 15th day of March 1863: all of said salt to be delivered in sackster barrels at the rate of fifty pounds to the bushel; to be subject to inspection, and to be delivered daily, as nearly as possible, at the price of one dollar and fifty cents per bushel, and to be settled and paid for, at the end of each month, by the commonwealth. Any quantity of salt manufactured by said Clarkson, over and above the deliveries to the state, as herein provided, shall be sold or used by the said Clarkson in purchasing supplies, &c. or for any other purpose, as he may desire. And the said Clarkson, as the rail road cars may be furnished him, shall load the salt upon the same to such points as may be designated by the state or its authorized agents—all costs and charges of transportation to be paid by the state.

Fifth—The said Clarkson further agrees to fulfill the county and confederate contracts heretofore made by Stuart, Buchanan & Co., or their lessees, if they should decline or fail to do so. provided the state shall deliver to the said Clarkson the whole of the property, furnaces, &c. of the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co., or their lessees, or of any of them so failing to comply. And the said Clarkson, in such contingency, agrees to take upon himself all the burdens and to enjoy all the benefits of such last named contracts.

Sixth—The said Clarkson shall, before he receives any personal property impressed, file with the clerk of the circuit court of Richmond his bond with good and sufficient security, to be approved by the judge of any circuit court, in a penalty of \$100,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of this contract.

Seventh—But it is expressly understood, that no furnaces, fixtures or personal property other than those mentioned in the first section, are to be construed as embraced in the subject herein proposed to be leased, or are to be impressed, except in the contingency of Stuart, Buchanan & Co. failing to comply with the Confederate States and county contracts, or either or any part of them.

Witness the following signatures:

WM. F. THOMPSON,
Chairman Senate Committee.
JAS. BARBOUR,
Chairman House Committee.
JNO. N. CLARKSON.

be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed by the general assembly."

Mr. MAGRUDER, by leave of the house, modified the resolution submitted by him, so as to read as follows:

"Resolved by the general assembly, that the contract entered into between the minority of the joint committee of the senate and house of delegates and Messrs. Charles Scott & Co., in relation to a supply of salt, bearing date on the 9th day of March 1863, in the words and figures following, to wit:

Articles of agreement, made this 9th day of March 1863, between James F. Johnson, one of the committee appointed by the senate of Virginia, and B. H. Magruder, appointed by the house of delegates of Virginia, the two committees constituting a joint committee of the general assembly of Virginia on the subject of a supply of salt, and acting as such for and on behalf of the said commonwealth, of the first part, and Charles Scott, William A. Stuart, H. C. Boyd, P. B. Hawkins and George W. Palmer, doing business under the firm of Charles Scott & Co., of the other part, witnesseth,—that the said Charles Scott & Co. propose, without the right to retract or withdraw the same, the following terms for the production and delivery of salt to the commonwealth of Virginia. And the parties of the first part do accept the same on behalf of the said commonwealth, but their action shall not be binding on the said commonwealth until this agreement shall be ratified and confirmed by the general assembly of Virginia. The said Charles Scott & Co., on their part, covenant and agree to furnish and deliver in merchantable condition, to such agent or agents as may

be appointed on behalf of the commonwealth of Virginia, on or before the 15th day of March 1864, 700,000 bushels of salt, of which 75,000 bushels shall be delivered during each of the eight months next following after the 15th day of March 1863, all of said salt to be delivered in sacks or barrels, at the rate of fifty pounds to the bushel, to be subject to inspection, and to be delivered daily as nearly as possible, at the price of two dollars and thirty-three cents per bushel, and to be settled and paid for as follows, to wit: The first installment of salt delivered by the said Charles Scott & Co. under this contract, is to be paid for when the second installment is delivered; and in like manner each installment is to be paid for upon the delivery of the next succeeding installment. The said Charles Scott & Co. shall load the said salt upon the rail road cars at Saltville, directed to such points as may be designated by the state or its authorized agents—all costs and charges of transportation on the cars to be paid for by the state. The said Charles Scott & Co. agree that in case of the ratification of this contract by the general assembly of Virginia, that the members of said firm, within thirty days after such ratification, will execute a bond with good and sufficient security in the penalty of \$200,000, to be approved by the judge of any circuit court, conditioned for the faithful performance of this contract.

JAMES F. JOHNSON,

Of the Senate Committee.

B. H. MAGRUDER,

Of the House Committee.

CHARLES SCOTT & Co.

Memo.—Charles Scott & Co. agree, that in the event the quantity of salt mentioned in the foregoing agreement may be deemed too large or too small, they will furnish any greater or smaller quantity that may be agreed upon by the general assembly, on the terms set forth in the above contract. And they further agree, that in the event the general assembly prefer not to make any contract, they will contract with counties at any time between this time and the 10th of May next, upon the terms aforesaid, to the extent of thirty-five pounds to each inhabitant, for one year, in monthly installments, or any less quantity, at the option of the county.

CHARLES SCOTT & Co.

be and the said is hereby ratified and confirmed by the general assembly."

And the question being on agreeing to the amendment by way of substitute, submitted by Mr. MAGRUDER, Mr. EVANS demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 58, noes 49.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Baker, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, A. L. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Coffinan, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Evans, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Garrison, Gilmer, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Jones, Jordan, Laidley, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannan, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Wright and Wynne—58.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Booton, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Cowan, Custis, Daniel, Eggleston, Ewing, Forbes, Fry, Gatewood, George, Grattan, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Lively, Lundy, Lynn, Mallory, McCannant, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, Murlaugh, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Richardson, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Walker, West, Woodhouse and Worsham—49.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution as amended, was put, and the roll was called with the following result—Ayes 64, noes 42:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, A. L. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Evans, Fleming, Flood, Garrison, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Laidley, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woodhouse, Wright and Wynne—64.

NOES—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Cowan, Custis, Daniel, Eggleston, Ewing, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Gatewood, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson,

Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Richardson, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Shannon, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin and Worsham—42.

Sixty-five members (constituting under the ruling of the chair; under the previous action of the house, a constitutional majority,) not having voted in the affirmative,

Resolved, that the resolution be rejected.

Mr. HUNTER moved a suspension of the rule, with a view of reconsidering the vote by which the resolution was rejected; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution, the roll was again called, and the names of the members voting in the affirmative and negative read over, in the hearing of the house, by the clerk—and before the result was announced, the hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, the chair was vacated until 7½ o'clock P. M.

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Mr. WOOLFOLK moved that the absentees, whose names had not been recorded on the question of agreeing to the resolution as amended (confirming a contract for salt with Messrs. Scott & Co.), be allowed to record their votes; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 61, noes 28.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Shoffey (speaker), Baker, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, A. L. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Evans, Ewing, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Magruder, Mathews, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wynne—61.

NOES—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Carpenter, Cowan, Eggleston, George, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lynn, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Shannon, R. F. Taylor and Worsham—28.

Mr. EVANS and others then recorded their votes upon the vote taken at the morning session; and thereupon the vote was announced as follows—Ayes 67, noes 41:

AYES—Messrs. Shoffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, A. L. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Coffman, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Evans, Fleming, Flood, Garrison, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Laidley, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Wright and Wynne—67.

NOES—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Cowan, Custis, Daniel, Eggleston, Ewing, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Gatewood, Grattan, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Kyle, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Shannon, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin and Worsham—41.

The SPEAKER announced the resolution as agreed to.

Ordered, that Mr. MAGRUDER carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

[For resolution as agreed to, see morning session.]

On motion of Mr. WEST,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expediency of allowing commissioners of the revenue compensation for listing hands employed in the cultivation of tobacco.

The resolution from the senate, extending the present session of the general assembly, was taken up.

Mr. MALLORY moved to amend the resolution, by striking out "Monday the 23d" and inserting "Thursday the 19th;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 77, noes 19.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Coffman, Coleman, Crockett, Cowan, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Evans, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Garrison, George, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Lynn, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Worsham, Wright and Wynne—77.

NOES—Messrs. Clarke, Eggleston, Ewing, Franklin, Gatewood, H. L. Hopkins, Lively, Lundy, W. G. T. Nelson, Powell, Riddick, Rives, Shannon, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Vermillion, Walker and Woolfolk—19.

Ordered, that Mr. BARBOUR carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 120. An engrossed bill entitled an act for the relief of certain persons engaged in the distillation of fruit, was taken up, on motion of Mr. TREDWAY, read a third time and passed—Ayes 81, noes 6.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coleman, Crockett, Custis, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Ewing, Fleming, Flood, Fry, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Haymond, Hunter, James, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lockridge, Lundy, Lynn, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk, Worsham, Wright and Wynne—81.

NOES—Messrs. Cowan, Garrison, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, P. Saunders and R. F. Taylor—6.

The report of the committee of schools and colleges, to whom had been referred the joint resolutions expressing the high appreciation of the general assembly, of the patriotic fortitude and devotion displayed by the women of Virginia from the commencement of the present war, and proposing that a suitable monument should be erected to commemorate their many virtues, with the resolutions from the committee, as a substitute by way of amendment, was taken up; and the question being on agreeing to the amendment, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolutions as amended, was put, and decided in the affirmative by an unanimous vote.

The resolutions as amended are as follows :

“1. Resolved by the senate and house of delegates, that the grateful acknowledgments of the general assembly are due, and are hereby cordially tendered to the women of Virginia, for their disinterested, generous and heroic devotion to the cause of their country during the pending war.

2. Resolved, that the civilized world cannot fail to regard with the highest admiration, the sublime spectacle exhibited by the women of a whole community—elevated, refined, softened, purified by a high christian civilization—devoting all their energies to the public service, and beautifully blending a holy zeal for their country with humble piety to God.

3. Resolved, that this inadequate tribute to their virtues be entered on the journals of both houses, as a lasting memorial of their exalted worth, that history may present to posterity so shining an example, and that our children’s children, to the latest generation, may be incited thereby to deeds of heroism and public virtue.”

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Mr. MAGRUDER, from the committee of conference, to whom had been referred the matters of disagreement between the two houses in relation to resolutions of instruction to the senators from Virginia, in regard to the impressment bill, presented a report; which was concurred in.

Ordered, that Mr. MAGRUDER inform the senate thereof.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, enclosing a communication from the secretary of war, in regard to assigning slaves to work on rail roads, impressed under the authority of the act of the general assembly, by the Confederate States; which were referred to the committee for courts of justice.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER,

Resolved, that it be referred to a special committee to report a bill to carry out the contract between the commonwealth and Chas. Scott & Co. for a supply of salt, ratified by the house of delegates.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Magruder, Burks, Bouldin, Baskervill, Marye, Buford and Crockett.

No. 115. A bill to provide for voting by persons in the military service, and persons absent from their respective counties and corporations, on account of the presence of the public enemy, in the election for members of congress, and for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, was taken up; and the pending question, being on the motion to strike out the 3d section, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. FORBES moved to amend the bill, by inserting as an independent section the following:

“7. Be it further enacted, that upon the receipt of any polls under the provisions of ordinance No. 99, passed December 6th, 1861, the secretary of the commonwealth shall perform the duties required by law to be performed by the commissioners and officers to conduct the

elections at the courthouse, or by either of them, in the same manner he is required by law in case said polls had been received by him from the county or district for which the election was held; and all other proceedings shall be the same as in such case."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. FORBES moved further to amend the bill, by adding the following as an independent section:

"S. Be it further enacted, that it shall be the duty of the governor of the commonwealth to issue his proclamation, giving notice to the qualified voters of the state in the military service of the state or of the Confederate States, of their right to vote for members of the general assembly, by virtue of the provisions of the first and second sections of the ordinance passed by the convention of Virginia on the 6th day of December 1861 (No. 99), and, also to all whom it may concern, of the passage of this act, and of the rights and duties set forth in its provisions: and it shall further be his duty to request the president of the Confederate States to issue an order to all commanders of camps, posts and detachments in command of Virginia troops, requiring them to give their aid in the due execution of the ordinance aforesaid and of this act."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The bill was then read a second time as amended, and as amended, ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

On motion of Mr. BAKER, the house resolved itself into secret session.

The doors being opened,

On motion of Mr. CARTER of Lancaster, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Read of the Presbyterian church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, March 13, 1863.

The senate have agreed to the amendment of the house of delegates to resolution to extend the present session of the general assembly.

No. 81. A senate bill entitled an act for the relief of Wm. M. Kelley of Caroline, was read a first and second times, and on motion of Mr. TYLER, laid on the table.

No. 97. A senate bill entitled an act to suspend proceedings in certain cases, and on executions, attachments, distress warrants, trust deeds and other demands, in cases of refusal to receive payment in currency receivable in payments to the state, and to repeal the act

passed March 29th, 1862, entitled an act to suspend sales and legal proceedings in certain cases, was read a first and second times, and referred to the committee for courts of justice.

On motion of Mr. HAYMOND,

Resolved, that the committee of privileges and elections enquire into the right of I. A. Welsh of Kanawha county to a seat as a member of this house, he having been a member elect from the said county in 1859-60, and being now present; and that said committee report their opinion thereon.

Subsequently, Mr. MAGRUDER, from the committee of privileges and elections, presented a report, concluding with the following resolution:

Resolved, that Isaiah A. Welsh is entitled to a seat in the house of delegates as one of the delegates from the county of Kanawha.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. WELSH appeared, was qualified, and took his seat.

Mr. FORBES, from the committee for courts of justice, to whom had been referred a communication from the governor, enclosing a letter from the secretary of war, in relation to the service of slaves impressed under the act of the general assembly, presented the following resolutions; which, on his motion, were taken up for consideration:

1. Resolved by the general assembly, that the act passed October 3, 1862, entitled an act further to provide for the public defence, and the act amendatory thereof, passed March 13, 1863, should not be construed to authorize the calling of slaves into service for labor on any other works for the public defence than works of an exclusively military character, constructed solely by the confederate government.

2. That the governor of the commonwealth be requested to communicate the foregoing resolution to the president of the Confederate States.

And the question being on agreeing to the first resolution of the committee, Mr. BARBOUR demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 67, noes 17.

On motion of Mr. WEST, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Burks, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Eggleston, Fleming, Forbes, Fry, Gatewood, George, Grattan, Haymond, H. L. Hopkins, James, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lundy, Lynn, Magruder, Mallory, Mathews, Mayo, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, P. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, West, J. L. Wilson, Woodhouse, Worsham and Wright—67.

NOES—Messrs. Baker, Barbour, Cazenove, Cowan, Green, Hunter, Johnson, Lockridge, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, R. C. Saunders, Ward and Williams—17.

The second resolution was then agreed to.

Ordered, that Mr. FORBES carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HUNTER,

Resolved, that leave be given to bring in a bill re-enacting and amending the 11th section of chapter 14 of the Code of Virginia.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Hunter, Burks and McCamant.

Subsequently, Mr. HUNTER presented the following bill:

No. 140. A bill amending and re-enacting the 11th section of chapter 14 of the Code of Virginia; which was read a first time, and on motion of Mr. HUNTER, two-thirds concurring, read a second time.

Mr. TOMLIN moved the indefinite postponement of the bill; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 53, noes 35.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Rockingham, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Bradford, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Eggleston, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Gatewood, George, Green, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kyle, Laidley, Lively, Lundy, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Noland, Pitman, Rives, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thrash, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, West, J. L. Wilson and Worsham—53.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, Baskervill, Booton, Bouldin, Burks, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, Cazenove, Coleman, Cowan, Daniel, Fleming, Forbes, Haymond, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Jones, Kaufman, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, Newton, Orgain, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, Ward, Williams, Woodhouse and Wright—35.

On motion of Mr. MAGRUDER, the special committee in relation to the contract for a supply of salt, was enlarged, by the addition of three members.

The SPEAKER announced the following gentlemen as added to the committee: Messrs. Barbour, McCamant and Fleming.

On motion of Mr. JONES, the following report of the committee on military affairs was taken up and agreed to:

The committee on military affairs, to whom was referred the communication of the governor, with the accompanying documents, in response to a resolution adopted by the house of delegates on the 28th day of January last, requesting the governor to furnish the house with full information as to the supplies furnished by the quartermaster general of the Virginia forces, if any, and if none, why; also, copies of all orders and correspondence on file in the office of the adjutant general, in reference to the state line; also, such other and further information as he (the governor) may deem proper, responsive to certain allegations set forth in the preamble of said resolution, as contained in the letter of Major General John B. Floyd, addressed on the 21st of January last to John T. Anderson, Esquire, chairman of the house committee on military affairs, having had the same under consideration, according to order, beg leave to report, that the documents and correspondence accompanying the governor's said communication, in response to the aforesaid resolution, being very voluminous, and there being no necessity to print them at this time, they recommend that none of said documents be printed now, except the letter of Quartermaster General Smoot to Adjutant General Richardson, of the 3d day of February last, and the accompanying letter of Quartermaster Goodloe to Quartermaster General Smoot, of the 2d day of February last; said letters being in response to the above mentioned resolution, and to the said allega-

tions contained in said letter of General Floyd, which was printed. As an act of justice to Quartermaster General Smoot, they think his said reply, together with said letter of Quartermaster Goodloe, ought to be printed also.

They further recommend that the copies of said documents and correspondence be turned over to the state auditing board, to be used by them in settling the claims and accounts incurred for the said state troops, and be retained by said board until called for by the house of delegates.

The following report of a special committee was taken up, on motion of Mr. MARYE, and the resolutions agreed to:

The report and resolutions are as follows:

The select committee, to whom was assigned the duty of enquiring whether the exclusive control exercised by the confederate government over the transportation upon the rail roads in the state, might not be so regulated as to afford a larger accommodation than now exists for the carrying of commodities for private use, beg leave to report, that they have had the subject under consideration, and that in order to procure the requisite information, they caused the proper officers of the leading lines of railways in the state to appear, and be examined before them. In this examination, the following facts were elicited:

The confederate government has claimed a priority of right to all the means of transportation employed by the companies. The requisitions upon nearly all the rail roads, for government service, have been heavy and continuous, and have reduced to very narrow limits the facilities for freights on private account. It did not appear, that in exercising this right of priority, any mismanagement or waste of the means of transportation had occurred, except in occasional instances, and these arose from the ignorance or improvidence of military officers in issuing orders. No attempt had been made by the confederate authorities to take from the proper executive officers the superintendence and management of the service upon the roads; nor did it appear that any larger demand for transportation was made than was needful for proper military uses. The evidence necessary to exhibit an abuse of power in this regard, can only be obtained from those confederate officials who have the right to withhold it.

It appeared that a serious interference with the means of transportation belonging to several of the companies, had been caused by the acts of confederate officers during the past twelve months, which did not seem justified by any apparent military exigency, and calls therefore for a timely and effectual remedy. Nearly one-half of the burden cars of the Richmond and Danville road have been taken out of the state, upon the requisition of confederate officers, and no return made of them to the company. The company, after suffering the loss of their use for several months, has made a laborious search for them, which resulted in finding many of them scattered on different and distant roads out of the state, in most instances badly worn, and in some entirely ruined. The superintendent of this company stated, that if these injuries to its means of transportation had not

occurred, that company could have afforded accommodation for all the private freights seeking carriage upon its road. Similar injuries have been inflicted upon other companies, not so great in degree, but sufficient to embarrass seriously their means of transportation. These injuries appeared to flow from an abuse of power, and a lack of accountability on the part of confederate officers; and as they tend to reduce to still narrower limits the means of transportation, already insufficient for the absolute needs of the people of this commonwealth, a prompt and effectual corrective should be applied.

Information was obtained upon another topic, which the committee deemed worthy of attention.

For the period of a year past, orders have been in force along the line of the Virginia and Tennessee road, prohibiting the transportation, on private account, of meat, flour and other subsistence. It was stated that bacon could be bought in large quantities along this line, at fifty cents per pound, and that its transportation by rail to Richmond would cost about a cent and a quarter per pound. Prohibitory orders, of a like kind, have been enforced upon several other of the leading lines. It is obvious that these severe restrictions, if continued, must inflict great distress upon the people of Virginia. Such an exercise of power, were it legal, which is not conceded, can only be justified by the sternest demands of military necessity; and this necessity should be predicated upon an accurate statistical knowledge of the amount of food produced in the various districts of the state thus embargoed. The people of Virginia will patiently bear all those burdens in the present struggle, which are inevitable; the measure of those burdens must be heavy, because of the presence of large contending armies upon her soil; but their representatives have a right to expect, at the hands of the confederate authorities, that the latter will use a watchful care in providing against the imposition of any other burdens, either in kind or degree, than are inevitable.

The committee recommend to the house the passage of the following resolutions, being of the opinion that such an expression by the house may stimulate the confederate officers who have authority in the premises, to apply all the needful correctives for the injuries recited herein, so far as this may be done consistently with the demands of the military service.

1. Resolved, that this house, while avowing it to be the hearty purpose of the people of Virginia to dedicate all their resources in aid of the confederate government in a vigorous prosecution of the existing war, is constrained to believe, that through the improvidence of military officers and other agents of said government, an unnecessary waste and loss have been caused to the means of transportation belonging to several of the leading lines of railway in the state, in the manner shown in the report of a committee of this house: and inasmuch as such injuries greatly enhance the privations and burdens of the people of Virginia, this house appeals to the proper confederate authorities to apply a prompt and effectual corrective in the premises.

2. That while this house does not concede the right of the confederate authorities, without having obtained proper legislative sanctions defining and regulating the exercise of such power, to enforce the orders herein before mentioned, appeals to those authorities to make early and careful enquiry, in order to ascertain whether some relaxation may not be made in the existing orders, which prohibit the transportation and commercial interchange of meat and breadstuffs for private use, along the lines of the leading railways in this state.

3. That the governor of this commonwealth is requested to communicate a copy of these resolutions, and of the report of said committee, to the president and the secretary of war of the Confederate States.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. EARLY, who informed the house of delegates that the senate on its part had agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the matters of disagreement between the two houses in relation to the instruction to our senators in regard to the subject of impressments.

The report is as follows:

Whereas it is of the utmost importance that a general impressment law should be passed, so that the burdens of this war should be to some extent equalized between the citizens of the states of the Confederate States: and whereas every day's delay in passing an impressment law is acting most injuriously and unjustly upon many citizens of this state, from the fact that their property is being seized, and the price paid for the same is far below the market value: and whereas the house of representatives of the congress of the Confederate States did, on the _____ day of _____ 1863, pass a bill entitled an act to authorize and regulate impressment of private property for the use of the army and other military purposes, which has been communicated to the senate of the Confederate States, but has not yet been finally acted upon by that body: and whereas the general assembly approve the principal and leading provisions of the said bill as it passed the house: Therefore,

1. Resolved by the general assembly, that our senators are hereby instructed to urge the passage of the said bill, or such bill as shall as effectually as possible secure to the owners of property a just compensation, to be determined by an impartial board of assessors, to be selected equally by both parties, so that it may become a law with as little delay as possible.

2. Resolved, that a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution be furnished to each of our senators.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR,

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to enquire into and investigate all the expenditures of the quartermaster and commissary departments engaged in the purchase and disbursement and issue of all articles for the troops, &c. connected with the Virginia state line; to ascertain the amount of money drawn from the treasury on account of the said line; by whom drawn, and by whom disbursed; to enquire into and ascertain what number of horses, mules, cattle and hogs have been bought for the use of said troops, and what num-

ber of horses, mules, wagons and ambulances have been issued to the command, to whom issued, and by whom bought; what number of cattle and hogs have been purchased, and by whom; what number slaughtered and issued to the command, or put up for their use; what quantity of flour, wheat and corn meal has been purchased, and by whom; what quantity of forage, corn, oats, hay, straw, &c. has been purchased, by whom, and how accounted for. That the committee ascertain what has been the price paid for all articles of supply, including clothing, &c.; to ascertain whether any of the articles or stores above enumerated, or any others, including leather, purchased with public money, have been sold by any quartermaster or commissary, and by whose order, and for what prices; to ascertain the quality of the articles bought as aforesaid; and to enquire what articles belonging to the soldiers' rations and supplies have been actually issued, and what have not, and the reason therefor, if any such omission has been made; to ascertain what money has been used in the payment of troops and in payment for supplies, and if any money besides Virginia paper has been used, to ascertain the amount thereof, and the reason therefor. And that said committee further enquire what officers, if any, have been paid who have had no command, and the reason therefor. That said committee be authorized to send for persons and papers.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight,

Resolved, that the committee for courts of justice enquire into the expediency of amending the 128th chapter of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, so as to supply the proceedings in cases of sales of infants' real estate in certain cases.

Mr. BURKS, from the committee for courts of justice, to whom had been referred

No. 87. A senate bill entitled an act to authorize the use of the jails of the state by the Confederate States, reported the same with an amendment.

The amendment was concurred in, and the bill as amended read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. BURKS carry the same to senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 49. An engrossed bill authorizing the issue of small notes, was taken up, on motion of Mr. BASS, read a third time and passed—Ayes 66, noes 23.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Burks, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Custis, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Eggleston, Flood, Gatewood, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, Lynn, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Shannon, Sherrard, Thrash, Tredway, Tyler, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson and Woodhouse—66.

NOES—Messrs. Clarke, Coffman, Fleming, Forbes, Franklin, George, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Lively, Mallory, Powell, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Vermillion, Worsham and Wright—23.

Ordered, that Mr. BASS carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 94. An engrossed bill for the relief of George W. Chambers, was taken up, on motion of Mr. GREEN, read a third time and passed—Ayes 74, no 1.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bouton, Bouldin, Bradford, Burks, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Gatewood, George, Grattan, Green, Haymond, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyo, Laidley, Magruder, Mallory, Mathews, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, P. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, West, J. L. Wilson, Woodhouse, Worsham and Wright—74.

No—Mr. Johnson—1.

Ordered, that Mr. KAUFMAN carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. HART, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to a joint resolution requesting the governor to detail certain prisoners confined in the penitentiary, for securing the tobacco from the public warehouse recently consumed by fire: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The resolution was taken up and agreed to.

Ordered, that Mr. MAGRUDER inform the senate thereof.

A joint resolution from the senate in regard to Lieutenant E. S. Gay of the state guard, was taken up.

Pending the consideration of which, the hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, the chair was vacated until 7½ o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

No. 118. A bill to incorporate the Virginia glee club (Gesang Verein), was taken up, on motion of Mr. MCCAMANT, and read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. MCCAMANT carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 81. A bill refunding to Samuel E. Lybrook, sheriff of the county of Giles, a certain sum of money, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 114. A bill refunding a sum of money to Gordon & Brother, paid by them as a merchants' license in the county of Fluvanna, was taken up, on motion of Mr. FRY, read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 129. A bill to incorporate the Stonewall water power and manufacturing company, was taken up, on motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, and read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 138. An engrossed bill to repeal an act passed October 1st,

1862, entitled an act legalizing the manufacture of alcohol, was read a third time and passed—Ayes 56, noes 13.

On motion of Mr. BURKS, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Baskerville, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Burks, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coffinan, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Eggleston, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Gatewood, George, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Lynn, Marye, Mathews, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Newton, Pitman, Powell, Reid, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, J. L. Wilson and Worsham—56.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, Bouldin, Bradford, Coleman, Davis, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, Jordan, McCamant, McKinney, Orgain, Riddick, Rives and Robinson—13.

Ordered, that Mr. BURKS carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

The resolution from the senate in regard to Lieutenant E. S. Gay of the state guard, being the pending question at the time the chair was vacated at the morning session, was, on motion, laid on the table.

No. 132. A bill to amend and re-enact the 18th section of the 14th chapter of the Code of Virginia, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, enclosing a letter from the secretary of war, accompanied by a report from Major General Samuel Jones, in relation to the forcible removal of a prisoner from the Franklin county jail; which were read, and on motion, referred to the committee on confederate relations.

On motion of Mr. LOCKRIDGE, the house adjourned until Monday, 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Moore of the Presbyterian church.

No. 81. An engrossed bill refunding to Samuel E. Lybrook, sheriff of the county of Giles, a certain sum of money, was taken up, and on motion, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. SAUNDERS of Franklin,

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed, with leave to bring in a bill to amend and re-enact the first section of an act entitled an act to refund money received for exemption from military duty, passed January 19, 1863.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Saunders, Bass, and Hopkins of Rockingham.

Mr. NEWTON, from the committee on confederate relations, presented a report in regard to the contract with Confederate States for occupancy of armory buildings.

No. 132. A bill to amend and re-enact the 18th section of the 14th chapter of the Code of Virginia, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. ARMSTRONG, who

informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a bill entitled an act to pay E. W. Canfield and C. D. Bragg, for services as instructors of artillery, No. 91: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge, the house resolved itself into secret session.

On motion of Mr. BURKS, the doors were opened.

No. 88. A senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact the first section of an act entitled an act to increase jailors' fees for keeping and supporting prisoners, passed September 24, 1862, was taken up, amended, and as amended, read a third time and passed—Ayes 67, noes 7.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bass, Bigger, Boul-
din, Bradford, Burks, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coffman, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Dabney,
Daniel, Davis, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, George, Hay-
mond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Laidley, Lock-
ridge, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald,
McKinney, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Reid,
Richardson, Robertson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, R. F.
Taylor, Tredway, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Woodhouse, Wright
and Wynne—67.

NOES—Messrs. Barbour, Johnson, Kyle, Prince, Tomlin, West and Worsham—7.

Ordered, that Mr. BURKS carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Mr. SAUNDERS of Franklin, from a special committee, presented the following bill:

No. 141. A bill to amend and re-enact the 1st section of an act entitled an act to refund money received for exemption from military duty, passed January 19, 1863, and for other purposes; which, on his motion, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, enclosing a communication of the adjutant general of the state in relation to a roster of the officers of the state line, furnished by the acting adjutant thereof; which was read, and on motion of Mr. BASKERVILL, referred to the committee on military affairs, and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 42.

No. 125. A bill amending and re-enacting the 1st section of an act entitled an act to transfer the state troops and rangers to the confederate government, passed February 28, 1863, was taken up, on motion of Mr. MAGRUDER, and read a second time; and the question being—Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time? Mr. PRINCE moved an adjournment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

It appearing that no quorum voted, Mr. PRINCE moved a call of the house; whereupon Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight moved an adjournment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg demanded that the vote should be recorded by ayes and noes; which call was seconded—and pending the call of the roll, the hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, the chair was vacated until 7½ o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, enclosing a report from R. D. Sanxay, Esq., commissioner of the public warehouse recently injured by fire, presenting estimates of the cost of repairing the damage, with suggestions connected therewith; which were read, and on motion of Mr. BARBOUR, referred to the committee on finance.

No. 125. A bill amending and re-enacting the first section of an act entitled an act to transfer the state troops and rangers to the confederate government, passed February 28, 1863, was taken up; and the question being—Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time? (being the pending question at the time the chair was vacated at the morning session) Mr. BOULDIN submitted an amendment to the bill; which was agreed to.

The bill was then read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

On motion of Mr. BURKS,

Resolved, that the keeper of the rolls cause 500 copies of the act passed March 13, 1863, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act further to provide for the public defence, passed October 3, 1862, to be printed; and that he transmit, without delay, one copy thereof to each of the clerks of the county and corporation courts of this commonwealth, and distribute the residue of said copies amongst the members of this house.

Mr. GREEN moved to take up

No. 115. An engrossed bill to provide for voting by persons in the military service, and persons absent from their respective counties and corporations on account of the presence of the public enemy, in elections for members of congress, and for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put—and it appearing that no quorum voted, Mr. McCAMANT moved a call of the house; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. FRANKLIN moved an adjournment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 11, noes 55.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Bradford, Burks, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Gatewood, Lockridge, McKinney, Shannon, Sherrard and Woolfolk—11.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, R. H. Carter, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Garrison, George, Green, Haymond, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Magruder, Mathews, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, P. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Tredway, West, Welsh, Woodhouse and Worsham—55.

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion of Mr. GREEN, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The bill was then read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? Mr. JAMES demanded the previous question;

which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. GARRISON, the title was amended, by adding thereto the following: "and for members of the general assembly, and to amend and re-enact the third section of chapter eight of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860."

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Moore of the Presbyterian church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, March 16, 1863.

The senate have passed house bills entitled:

An act authorizing the governor to deliver to B. B. and J. W. Cooley an infant child of a slave named Harriet, No. 136.

An act for the relief of George W. Chambers, No. 91.

An act to repeal the act passed October 1st, 1862, entitled an act legalizing the manufacture of alcohol, No. 138.

They have agreed to the amendment proposed by the house of delegates to senate bill entitled:

An act to authorize the use of the jails of the state by the Confederate States, No. 87.

And they have passed a bill entitled:

An act authorizing the erection of a toll bridge over Dan river at Wilson's ferry, No. 62.

In which they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The committee on enrolled bills having examined sundry such bills, and found them correctly enrolled, they have been signed by the president of the senate, and are now communicated for further signature.

No. 91. A senate bill entitled an act to pay E. W. Canfield and C. D. Bragg for services as instructors of artillery, was taken up, read a first and second times, and ordered to be laid upon the table.

No. 62. A senate bill entitled an act authorizing the erection of a toll bridge over Dan river at Wilson's ferry, was taken up, read a first and second times, and referred to the committee of propositions and grievances.

Mr. HUNTER, from the committee for courts of justice, to whom had been referred

No. 97. A senate bill entitled an act to suspend proceedings in certain cases; and on executions, attachments, distress warrants, trust

deeds and other demands, in cases of refusal to receive payment in currency receivable in payments to the state, and to repeal the act passed March 29, 1862, entitled an act to suspend sales and legal proceedings in certain cases, reported the same with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. NEWTON, the resolution heretofore communicated from the committee on confederate relations, in relation to the occupancy of the state armory by the confederate government, was taken up.

Mr. DADNEY submitted a substitute by way of amendment (being the resolution heretofore offered by him on the same subject, see Journal, March 10); and the question being on agreeing thereto, on motion of Mr. HUNTER, the resolution and amendment were laid on the table.

No. 132. An engrossed bill to amend and re-enact the 18th section of the 14th chapter of the Code of Virginia, was taken up, on motion of Mr. HAYMOND.

Mr. HAYMOND moved to suspend the rule, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to its engrossment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question being—Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time? Mr. HAYMOND submitted a substitute for the bill; which was agreed to.

The bill as amended was then read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under a resolution heretofore submitted by Mr. BARBOUR, to enquire into the condition of the quartermaster and commissary departments of the state line: Messrs. Barbour, Haymond, McDonald of Hampshire, Cazenove, Marye, Wynne, Worsham, Tredway and Cowan.

No. 91. A senate bill entitled an act to pay E. W. Canfield and C. D. Bragg for services as instructors of artillery, was taken up, on motion of Mr. KAUFMAN, read a third time and passed—Ayes 68, noes 4.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Baker, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Burks, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffin, Cowan, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Gatewood, George, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Ward, Welsh, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wright—68.

NOES—Messrs. Garrison, Tomlin, Vermillion and West—4.

No. 113. A bill forfeiting lands of citizens of the United States in this commonwealth, when said lands are claimed by loyal citizens, under grants from the commonwealth, to transfer the same to them, was taken up, on motion of Mr. McDONALD of Wyoming, and read a second time.

Mr. MARYE moved that the bill be laid on the table; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. JONES demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the committee on military affairs, to whom was referred a communication from the governor, transmitting documents from the Virginia military institute, relative to the case of Cadet Daniel, presented a report; which, on his motion, was taken up for consideration, together with a report previously made from the same committee, on the memorial of Cadet Daniel.

Pending the consideration thereof, the hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, the chair was vacated until 3 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

No. 141. A bill to amend and re-enact the 1st section of an act entitled an act to refund money received for exemption from military duty, passed January 19, 1863, and for other purposes, was taken up, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 112. A bill to amend and re-enact section 1, chapter 57 of an act passed March 1, 1861, entitled an act for the relief of the banks of this commonwealth, was taken up, read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. ROBERTSON carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 134. A bill to authorize the circuit courts to adjourn questions of law to the court of appeals for decision, in cases of treason or felony, was taken up, read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. MAGRUDER, from the committee of privileges and elections, presented the following bill:

No. 142. A bill to provide the mode of ascertaining and certifying elections of delegates and senators during the existing war; which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

No. 135. A bill to provide for the trial of negroes by courts of oyer and terminer of other counties than those wherein the offence charged shall have been committed, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time, and two-thirds concurring, was read a second time.

The bill was then amended, and as amended ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The report of the committee on military affairs, in relation to the case of Cadet Daniel, being the subject under consideration at the time the chair was vacated this day, was taken up.

The first resolution was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the second resolution, Mr. TOMLIN moved to strike out the words "be requested," and insert "are hereby instructed;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DABNEY moved further to amend the resolution, by adding thereto the following: "and that it is the opinion of the general assembly, upon the facts before them, that the efforts of the officers of said institute to suppress the vicious practice complained of, have not been such as meet with the approbation of the general assembly;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution as amended, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 54, noes 21.

On motion of Mr. FORBES, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Buford, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffman, Cowan, Crockett, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Garrison, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Rives, Rowan, Shannon, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion and J. L. Wilson—54.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskervill, Bradford, Burks, Fry, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, Jones, Magruder, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Robinson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard and Williams—21.

The question being on agreeing to the third resolution of the committee, Mr. BOULDIN moved to add thereto the following: "and if the facts stated by him in his letter to Mr. Robert Dabney be established, it is the further duty of said officers to drop from the rolls the name of every cadet who participated in the outrage;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 60, noes 16.

On motion of Mr. GREEN, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coffman, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Garrison, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Williams and J. L. Wilson—60.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Baskervill, Brooks, Buford, A. L. Carter, Dabney, Fry, Gatewood, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, Lundy, Reid, Riddick, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders and Tomlin—16.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution this day reported from the committee on military affairs, in lieu of the third resolution as amended, the resolution this day reported being as follows:

"Resolved by the general assembly, that the board of visitors of the Virginia military institute be instructed to make a thorough investigation of the complaint of Cadet William A. Daniel, of ill treatment received by him at said institute as aforesaid, and report the facts to the next session of the general assembly; and also what steps have been taken by the faculty to suppress this disorderly conduct of the cadets"—was put, and decided in the negative.

The third resolution as amended was then agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the preamble, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The preamble and resolutions as agreed to are as follows:

Whereas it appears, upon satisfactory evidence adduced before the general assembly, that Cadet Wm. A. Daniel, then a junior cadet of

the Virginia military institute, was, on the 11th day of November 1862, subjected to an unprovoked and cruel infliction of personal violence by the cadets of the institute, and that no adequate protection was afforded by the officers of the institution against a repetition of such violence, by which means said Cadet Daniel has been driven from the institute, and practically denied the benefits of its instruction: and whereas it appears also that the practice of such wanton violations of good order and humanity has been of long continuance, and without proper restraint, at said institute: Therefore,

1. Resolved, that this general assembly hereby expresses its unqualified condemnation of such practice, as violative of good discipline, unjust to the peaceable and orderly cadets, injurious to the efficient administration of the institute, and unworthy the chivalrous character of our southern youth.

2. Resolved, that the officers of said institution be and are hereby instructed to adopt such regulation and discipline in reference to said practice of wanton punishment of junior cadets, as will effectually discontinue and repress it; and that it is the opinion of the general assembly, upon the facts before them, that the efforts of the officers of said institute to repress the vicious practice complained of, have not been such as meet the approbation of this general assembly.

3. That the officers of said institution be and they are hereby required, if Cadet Wm. A. Daniel shall so desire, to reinstate him as a cadet of said institute, without prejudice to his position therein, on account of his withdrawal therefrom in November last: and if the facts stated by him in his letter to Mr. Robert Dabney, be substantially established, it is the further duty of said officers to drop from the rolls the name of every cadet who participated in the outrage.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CAZENOVE,

Resolved, that leave be given to report a bill authorizing the transfer and issue of new certificates of stock in chartered companies in certain cases.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Cazenove, Burks and Magruder.

On motion of Mr. NELSON of Fluvanna, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Moore of the Presbyterian church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, March 17, 1863.

The senate have agreed to the amendment proposed by the house of delegates to senate bill entitled:

An act to amend and re-enact the first section of an act entitled an act to increase jailors' fees for keeping and supporting prisoners, passed September 24, 1862, No. 88.

Mr. CAZENOVE, from a special committee, presented the following bill:

No. 143. A bill to authorize the transfer and issue of new certificates of stock in chartered companies, in certain cases; which, on his motion, was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. EARLY, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to a joint resolution extending the present session of the general assembly from Thursday the 19th instant, to Tuesday the 24th instant: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

Mr. BARBOUR submitted the following resolution; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative:

Resolved by the general assembly, that the committees of finance of the house of delegates and of the senate be authorized to appoint a sub-committee, to consist of two on the part of the house and one on the part of the senate, to investigate the subject of the burning of the public warehouse in the city of Richmond; and if the facts shall justify a demand upon the confederate government for compensation, said sub-committee shall prosecute such demand against the said government. Said sub-committee shall act as a joint committee, and have power to sit after the adjournment of the general assembly, and to send for persons and papers.

Ordered, that Mr. BARBOUR carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Mr. ROBERTSON submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved by the general assembly, that the court of every county and corporation of this state shall be authorized to purchase and preserve among its archives a suitable book, wherein, under the superintendence and direction of such court, shall be inscribed the names of all persons belonging to such county or corporation, who have, or shall have, in any capacity, served honorably in the armies of the Confederate States or of this state, in the present war; and also, in a form to be approved by, and on proofs satisfactory to all the members of any such court, sitting as such, a concise record of any acts of conspicuous merit that shall have been performed by any such person.

That a plan of such book, tabulated in the manner of the army rolls, but with such changes as may be deemed advisable, shall be prepared by the adjutant general, subject to the approval of the governor; and when so approved, books, prepared in conformity thereto, shall, as applied for by any such county or corporation court, be furnished, at its expense, to any such court, by the adjutant general, together with lists, extracted from the army rolls in his possession, of all persons found listed therein as belonging to such county or corporation.

And the question being on agreeing to the first resolution, was put, and decided in the affirmative by an unanimous vote.

The second resolution was agreed to unanimously.

Ordered, that Mr. ROBERTSON carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 124. A bill to amend and re-enact the first section of chapter seven of the Code of Virginia (changing the time for holding the election of members of congress), was taken up, on motion of Mr. BUFORD, and read a second time.

Mr. RIVES moved the indefinite postponement of the bill; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 48, noes 41.

On motion of Mr. RIVES, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coleman, Crockett, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Gatewood, George, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McKinney, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Rives, Rowan, Shannon, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Tyler, Vermillion, J. L. Wilson, Woolfolk, Worsham, Wright and Wynne—48.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Cazenove, Cowan, Daniel, Davis, Eggleston, Forbes, Garrison, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, P. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, Tredway, Vaden, Ward, West, Welsh and Williams—41.

The resolution communicated from the senate this day, as follows:

“Resolved by the general assembly, that the present session of the general assembly be extended from Thursday the 19th instant, to Tuesday the 24th instant,” was taken up, on motion of Mr. BARBOUR; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. STAPLES demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and the question being—Shall the main question be now put? was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 40, noes 54.

On motion of Mr. FORBES, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Booton, Burks, Clarke, Coleman, Crockett, Davis, Eggleston, Fleming, Franklin, George, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lundy, Mallory, Mathews, Mayo, McKinney, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Powell, Prince, Reid, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Vaden, Vermillion, West, Woolfolk, Worsham, Wright and Wynne—40.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Cowan, Daniel, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Laidley, Lockridge, Magruder, Marye, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Tomlin, Tredway, Ward, Welsh, Williams and J. L. Wilson—54.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution as it came from the senate, was put, and the roll was called, with the following result—Ayes 71, noes 24:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Coleman, Cowan, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Laidley, Lockridge, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Robertson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Thomas, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Ward, Welsh, Williams, J. L. Wilson and Wynne—71.

NOES—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Burks, Clarke, Crockett, Eggleston, Franklin, H. L. Hopkins, Jordan, Kyle, Lundy, Mallory, W. G. T. Nelson, Powell, Prince, Rives, Robinson, Shannon, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Vaden, Vermillion, West, Woolfolk and Worsham—24.

Three-fifths of the members elected not having voted in favor of the resolution,

Resolved, that the resolution be rejected.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge, the rule was suspended, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was rejected.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution, was put, and the roll was called with the following result—Ayes 78, noes 18:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Coleman, Cowan, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Laidley, Lockridge, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Robertson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Thomas, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, Woolfolk, Wright and Wyne—78.

NOES—Messrs. Clarke, Crockett, Eggleston, Franklin, H. L. Hopkins, Kyle, Lundy, Mallory, Powell, Prince, Rives, Robinson, Shannun, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Vermillion, J. L. Wilson and Worsham—18.

Three-fifths of the members elected having voted in favor of the resolution, the SPEAKER announced the resolution as agreed to.

Ordered, that Mr. MAGRUDER inform the senate thereof.

Mr. HUNTT, from the committee on enrolled bills, presented the following report:

The committee on enrolled bills having examined sundry such bills, and finding them correctly enrolled, they are herewith reported for further examination.

Ordered that Mr. MAGRUDER carry the same to the senate, for further examination and signature.

No. 81. An engrossed bill refunding to Samuel E. Lybrook, sheriff of the county of Giles, a certain sum of money, was taken up, read a third time and passed—Ayes 74.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, James, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, McKinney, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson and Woolfolk—74.

Ordered, that Mr. MAGRUDER carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 114. An engrossed bill refunding a sum of money to Gordon & Brothers, paid by them as a merchant's license in the county of Fluvanna, was taken up, read a third time and passed—Ayes 71, noes 4.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Dice, Eggleston, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, James, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lundy, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, R. C. Saunders, Shannon,

Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tredway, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, Williams, Woolfolk and Worsham—71.

NOES—Messrs. Hunt, Laidley, P. Saunders and West—4.

Ordered, that Mr. MAGRUDER carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 141. An engrossed bill to amend and re-enact the 1st section of an act entitled an act to refund money received for exemptions from military duty, passed January 19, 1863, and for other purposes, was taken up, read a third time and passed—Ayes 68.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bass, Booton, Bouldin, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove; Coleman, Cowan, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Magruder, Mathews, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson; Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Vermillion, West, Williams, Woolfolk and Worsham—68.

Ordered, that Mr. MAGRUDER carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BASS,

Resolved, that when the chair is vacated at 3 o'clock to-day, it be resumed at 8 o'clock P. M., and so on to the end of the session; and that when the hour arrives for vacating the chair, if the vote on any question be pending, the chair shall first announce the vote (though it be after 3 o'clock) before vacating the chair.

Mr. ANDERSON, from the committee on military affairs, presented the muster roll of two ranger companies; which was, on motion, laid on the table.

No. 135. An engrossed bill to provide for the trial of negroes by courts of oyer and terminer of other counties than those wherein the offence charged shall have been committed, was taken up, and on motion, laid on the table.

No. 142. A bill to prescribe the mode of ascertaining and certifying elections of delegates and senators during the existing war, was taken up, on motion of Mr. SAUNDERS of Franklin, and read a second time; and the question being on agreeing thereto—pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. GARRISON, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1863.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, March 18, 1863.

The senate have agreed to the preamble and resolution in relation to the disorderly practices at the Virginia military institute, in connection with the case of Cadet Wm. A. Daniel.

And they have passed house bill entitled:

An act to amend and re-enact section 1, chapter 57 of an act passed March 1st, 1861, entitled: an act for the relief of the banks of this commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. FLEMING,

Resolved; that the credentials of Louis A. Phelps, delegate from the counties of Ritchie and Pleasants, be referred to the committee of privileges and elections.

The following bills were taken up, read a first time, and on motions severally made, laid on the table:

No. 89. A bill to stay proceedings on executions, trust deeds and other demands, in cases of refusal to receive payment in currency, and to repeal an act entitled an act to suspend sales and legal proceedings in certain cases, and to repeal an ordinance to provide against the sacrifice of property, and to suspend proceedings in certain cases, passed 30th day of April 1861, by the convention of Virginia.

No. 90. A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend section 11 of chapter 29 of the Code, so as to exempt the property of persons in the military service of the state from distress for rent payable in money, passed February 19, 1862.

No. 96. A bill concerning salaries of certain officers of government.

No. 101. A bill authorizing the payment of a certain sum of money to Wm. M. Hume, sheriff of Fauquier county.

No. 108. A bill to secure representation in the general assembly for counties, cities, senatorial and election districts within the power of the public enemy.

No. 110. A bill to provide representation in the general assembly for certain districts and counties occupied by the public enemy.

No. 113. A bill amending and re-enacting sections 43, 44, 45 and 46 of chapter 87 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, in reference to inspection fees.

The following bills were read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time:

No. 99. A bill to incorporate the Chestnut creek mining company of the county of Carroll.

No. 118. A bill to prohibit the emancipation of slaves by will.

No. 127. A bill to incorporate the Southwestern insurance company of Abingdon.

No. 130. A bill amending and re-enacting second section, chapter 213 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, so as to increase the pay for keeping convicts confined in the penitentiary under sentence of a court of the Confederate States.

No. 131. A bill releasing William B. Ball from the payment of a certain sum of money.

No. 102. A bill amending and re-enacting 42d section of chapter 87 of the Code, edition of 1860.

The following bills were taken up, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time:

No. 66. A bill for the relief of George Cross and Elizabeth Cross, keeper and assistant keeper of the Craney island light-vessel.

No. 75. A bill authorizing the board of public works to impress free negroes and slaves for the improvement of New river.

No. 80. A bill to amend and re-enact the 10th section of chapter 86 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the public health.

No. 86. A bill to amend and re-enact the 7th and 8th sections of chapter 104 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860.

No. 134. A bill to authorize the circuit courts to adjourn questions of law to the court of appeals for decision, in cases of treason or felony.

No. 142. A bill to prescribe the mode of ascertaining and certifying elections of delegates and senators during the existing war.

The following bills were read a second time, and on motions severally made, laid on the table :

No. 27. A bill to suppress extortion.

No. 69. A bill for the relief of Edward S. White, keeper of the New Point light-house, and of the captain and crew of the Wolfe-Trap light-vessel.

No. 76. A bill providing more effectually for the arrest of deserters.

No. 83. A bill changing the names of the counties of Buchanan and Scott.

No. 92. A bill to amend and re-enact the 6th section of an act passed 19th March 1861, entitled an act to suspend sales and legal proceedings in certain cases.

Mr. MAGRUDER, from the committee of privileges and elections, presented the following report :

The committee of privileges and elections, to whom was referred the application of L. A. Phelps, to be admitted to a seat on this floor as a delegate from the election district composed of the counties of Ritchie and Pleasants, report, that they have had the same under consideration, and find that the said Phelps was duly elected a delegate from said district on the 4th Thursday in May 1859; that by a resolution of this house, adopted on the 10th December 1861, it was declared that a vacancy existed in the representation of said district, and that no election has been held there since, in consequence of the presence and power of the public enemy.

They further report, that there is the best testimony before them to satisfy them of the loyalty of said Phelps to the Southern Confederacy. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, that L. A. Phelps is now entitled to be admitted as a delegate from the election district of Ritchie and Pleasants to this house.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. PHELPS appeared, was qualified, and took his seat as a delegate from the election district composed of the counties of Ritchie and Pleasants.

No. 143. An engrossed bill to authorize the transfer and issue of new certificates of stock in chartered companies in certain cases, was taken up, on motion of Mr. CAZENOVE, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MARYE,

Resolved, that leave be given to bring in a bill providing for the preparation and publication of a synopsis of the acts of the present session of the general assembly of a general nature.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee: Messrs. Marye, Bouldin and Haymond.

No. 122. An engrossed bill ipcreasing the compensation of the interior guard at the penitentiary, was taken up, read a third time and passed—Ayes 79, noes 4.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Jones, Jordan, Kyle, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wright—79.

NOES—Messrs. Johnson, Robinson, Staples and Tomlin—4.

Ordered, that Mr. HAYMOND carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. RIVES,

Resolved, that leave be given to bring in a bill amending the 2d section of an act passed October 3d, 1862, with reference to enclosures in certain counties.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Rives, Bouldin and Magruder.

No. 55. A senate bill entitled an act authorizing the auditing board to pay junior majors of militia regiments for services actually performed, was taken up, on motion of Mr. BOOTON, read a second and third times, and passed—Ayes 66, noes 12.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskervill, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Laidley, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, F. G. Taylor, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Welsh, Williams, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wright—66.

NCES—Messrs. Barbour, Bass, R. H. Carter, Eggleston, Fry, Hunt, James, Kyle, Rowan, Staples, West and Worsham—12.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. SHERRARD, the rule was suspended, with a view of reconsidering the vote rejecting

No. 41. A senate bill entitled an act to increase the salaries of certain officers of the government, and the bill laid on the table.

Mr. RIVES, from a special committee, presented the following bill:

No. 144. A bill to amend and re-enact the second section of an act passed February 3d, 1863, entitled an act amending and re-enacting the first and second sections of an act entitled an act to repeal the fence law of Virginia as to certain counties, and to authorize the county courts to dispense with enclosures in other counties, passed October 3, 1862, and to legalize the action of the county courts held under said law; which was read a first time, and two-thirds concur-

ring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The resolution heretofore communicated from the senate, in regard to Lieutenant E. S. Gay of the state guard, was taken up, on motion of Mr. ROBERTSON; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg moved to strike out the resolution of the senate, and to insert the following:

“Resolved by the general assembly, that in the opinion of the general assembly, the claim of Lieutenant E. S. Gay, for four additional rations per day, and the additional compensation of ten dollars a month while acting as commandant for the time being of the armory and public guard, during the absence of Colonel Dimmock, as colonel of ordnance, since the 13th day of April 1861, is just, and under the true intent and meaning of the 4th. section of chapter 33 of the Code of 1860, ought to be allowed and paid.”

And the question being on agreeing thereto; was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution as amended, was put, and the roll was called, with the following result—Ayes 54, noes 29:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Cazenove, Daniel, Davis, Eggleston, Flood, Franklin, Gatewood, Gilmer, H. L. Hopkins, James, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Laidley, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McKinney, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, F. G. Taylor, Thomas, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward, Williams, J. L. Wilson and S. M. Wilson—54.

NOES—Messrs. Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Cowan, Crockett, Fleming, Fry, Garrison, George, Green, Hunter, Hunt, Johnson, Kyle, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Noland, Richardson, Shannon, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Welsh, West, Woolfolk and Worsham—29.

Resolved, that the resolution be rejected.

Mr. BASKERVILL moved a suspension of the rule, with a view of reconsidering the vote by which the resolution was rejected; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. HOPKINS of Rockingham demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 44, noes 26.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Carpenter, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Eggleston, Flood, Fry, Gatewood, Gilmer, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Magruder, Mathews, Mayo, McKinney, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Rives, Robertson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Tredway, Vaden, Vermillion and S. M. Wilson—44.

NOES—Messrs. Barbour, Bass, R. H. Carter, Fleming, Garrison, George, Green, J. H. Hopkins, Johnson, Kyle, Lundy, Mallory, McLaughlin, Newton, Orgain, Robinson, Shannon, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Tyler, Ward, Welsh, J. L. Wilson, Worsham and Wright—26.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution as amended—pending the consideration thereof, Mr. BARBOUR moved an adjournment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 38, noes 36.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Barbour, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Davis, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, George, Gilmer, Green, J. H. Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Magruder, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Richardson, Robinson, R. C. Saunders, Tomlin, Tredway, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, J. L. Wilson and S. M. Wilson—38.

NOES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Burks, Clarke, Crockett, Daniel, Eggleston, Haymond, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, Mallory, Mathews, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, Prince, Reid, Rives, Robertson, P. Saunders, Shannon, R. F. Taylor, Tyler, Williams and Worsham—36.

The house then adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1863.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows :

IN SENATE, March 19, 1863.

The senate have passed house bills entitled :

An act refunding to Samuel E. Lybrook, sheriff of the county of Giles, a certain sum of money, No. 81.

An act refunding a sum of money to Gordon & Brother, paid by them as a merchant's license in the county of Fluvanna, No. 114.

An act to amend and re-enact the 1st section of an act entitled an act to refund money received for exemption from military duty, passed January 19, 1863, and for other purposes, No. 141.

They have agreed to house resolutions authorizing the county and corporation courts to prepare and preserve a durable record of the names and deeds of conspicuous merit of all who have or shall have served honorably in our armies in the present war.

On motion of Mr. CROCKETT,

Resolved, that the use of this hall be tendered to the house of representatives of the Confederate States during the recess of the general assembly, and that the Speaker of this house furnish a copy of this resolution to the Speaker of that body.

On motion of Mr. BUFORD,

Resolved, that a special committee of five be appointed to enquire into the expediency of amending the first section of the act passed the 29th day of March 1862, to suspend sales and legal proceedings in certain cases, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution, viz: Messrs. Buford, Bouldin, Marye, Magruder and McKinney.

The following engrossed bill was taken up, on motion of Mr. RIVES, read a third a time and passed :

No. 143. An engrossed bill to amend and re-enact the second section of an act passed February 13th, 1863, entitled an act amending and re-enacting the first and second sections of an act entitled an act to repeal the fence law of Virginia as to certain counties, and to authorize the county courts to dispense with enclosures in other counties, passed October 3d, 1862, and to legalize the action of county courts held under said laws.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Mr. BUFORD, from a special committee, presented the following bill:

No. 144. A bill to amend the first section of an act passed March 29th, 1862, to suppress sales and legal proceedings in certain cases; which was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time; and the question being—Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time? on motion, the bill was laid on the table.

No. 95. An engrossed bill to convert into stock, to be held by the state, the interest in arrear due by the South side rail road company to the state, was taken up, on motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, and read a third time.

Mr. HOPKINS submitted a ryder to the bill; which was read a first and second times, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? the roll was called, with the following result—Ayes 65, noes 20:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Buford, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Custis, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, James, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tredway, Vermillion, Welsh, J. L. Wilson, Worsham and Wynne—65.

NOES—Messrs. Barbour, Bradford, A. I. Carter, Cazenove, Daniel, Fry, Gilmer, Green, Hunter, Hunt, Johnson, Jones, A. W. McDonald, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Sherrard, Staples, Tomlin, Ward and Williams—20.

Resolved, that the bill be rejected.

On motion of Mr. NEWTON, the rule was suspended, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected.

The question recurring on the passage of the bill, Mr. McDONALD of Wyoming demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 66, noes 14:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Buford, Carpenter, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Custis, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, James, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Shannon, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Vermillion, Welsh, J. L. Wilson, Worsham and Wynne—66.

NOES—Messrs. Barbour, Bradford, Cazenove, Daniel, Gilmer, Green, Hunter, Hunt, Johnson, A. W. McDonald, Sherrard, Tomlin, Ward and Williams—14.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

The hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, the chair was vacated until 8 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

No. 129. An engrossed bill to incorporate the Stonewall water power and manufacturing company of Richmond, was taken up, on motion of Mr. ROBERTSON.

Mr. ROBERTSON submitted a ryder to the bill; which was read a first and second times, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LAIDLEY,

Resolved, that the governor is hereby requested to inform this house how much salt has been furnished by Stuart, Buchanan & Co. on his contract with them; the expense of transportation and distribution, and the amount received for the sale of the salt, and the cost of the same.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. BRANNON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed house bill entitled an act imposing taxes for the support of government; No. 91, with amendments: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge submitted the following resolutions; which being objected to, were laid over under the rule:

1. Resolved by the general assembly, that public necessity requires that the Washington and Smyth salt works should be under the exclusive control of the state during the war; and that in order to prevent speculation and extortion in an article of such vital necessity, all the salt made at the salt works should be made for the state, to be disposed of and distributed by her, after fulfilling the contracts of Stuart, Buchanan & Co. and Charles Scott & Co. with the confederate government, in such manner as will be least burdensome and most equitable to the consumer.

2. Resolved, that a joint committee, to consist of five on the part of the house and three on the part of the senate, be appointed to confer immediately with the firm of Stuart, Buchanan & Co. to ascertain whether they will sell the interests which they hold in said salt works, whether in fee or for a term of years, and make report thereof to the general assembly, with such recommendation as they may deem expedient and proper.

130. A bill amending and re-enacting the second section, chapter 213. of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, so as to increase the pay for keeping convicts confined in the penitentiary under sentence of a court of the Confederate States, was taken up, on motion of Mr. McDONALD of Wyoming, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

No. 142. An engrossed bill to prescribe the mode of ascertaining and certifying elections of delegates and senators during the existing

war, was taken up, on motion of Mr. SAUNDERS of Franklin, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 144. A bill to amend the first section of an act passed March 29, 1862, to suspend sales and legal proceedings in certain cases, was taken up, on motion of Mr. BUFORD.

Mr. TREDWAY moved that the bill be laid upon the table; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put—and it appearing that no quorum voted,

On motion of Mr. SAUNDERS of Campbell, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1863.

Prayer by Right Rev. John Early, bishop of the Methodist church.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, March 20, 1863.

The senate have passed house bill entitled:

An act to authorize the transfer and issue of new certificates of stock in chartered companies in certain cases, No. 143.

And they have agreed to a resolution authorizing and directing the governor to transfer the prisoners captured by the state, to the confederate government, except those held as hostages for Col. Zarvona and others.

In which they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The committee of the senate on enrolled bills having examined sundry such bills, and found them correctly enrolled, they have been signed by the president of the senate, and are now communicated for further signature.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill No. 91, entitled an act imposing taxes for the support of government, were taken up, and on motion of Mr. BARBOUR, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Resolution authorizing and directing the governor to transfer the prisoners captured by the state line, to the confederate government, except those held as hostages for Col. Zarvona and others, was taken up, and on motion of Mr. JONES, laid on the table.

Mr. ORGAIN, from the committee on agriculture and manufactures, presented the following bill:

No. 45. A bill to incorporate the Old Dominion trading company of the city of Richmond; which, on his motion, was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. ORGAIN carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 33. A senate bill entitled an act for the relief of James M. Laidley and Thos. S. A. Matthews, was taken up, on motion of Mr. WELSH, read a second and third times and passed—Ayes 67, noes 19:

Ayes—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Baskerville, Bigger, Borton, Bradford, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Coleman, Cowan, Daniel, Davis, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, Magruder, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKhune, McLaughlin, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, P. Saunders, Shannon, Sheppard, Tredway, Vermillion, Ward, West, Welsh, Williams, Woolfolk and Wynne—67.

Noes—Messrs. Baker, Bass, Bouldin, Buford, Clarke, Crockett, Gilmer, Jones, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Robertson, R. C. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Toulin, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Worsham—19.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

No. 51. A senate bill entitled an act to amend the act passed March 10, 1862, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an ordinance extending the jurisdiction of the county courts in certain cases, passed by the convention on the 26th day of June 1861, was taken up, on motion of Mr. NOLAND, amended, and as amended, read a second and third times and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

The resolution communicated from the senate, authorizing and directing the governor to transfer the prisoners captured by the state line, to the confederate government, except those held as hostages for Col. Zarvona and others, was taken up.

The senate resolution is as follows:

Resolved by the general assembly, that the governor be authorized and directed to transfer to the confederate government all the prisoners held by the state, mentioned in his communication of the day of _____ to be exchanged for Confederate States prisoners held by the United States government, except the officers who are detained as hostages for the release of Col. Zarvona, Capt. Duskey and Lieut. Varner; and that he be authorized and requested to deliver up the said hostages for a similar purpose, whenever in his judgment the public interests will be promoted thereby.

Mr. BOULDIN moved to amend, by inserting the following (the resolution adopted by the house on the 5th of March):

“Resolved by the senate and house of delegates of Virginia, that whilst we fully approve the action of the governor in detaining as hostages the prisoners captured by the state forces; yet, as the said forces have been transferred by Virginia to the Confederate States, the governor be directed to turn over to the confederate authorities all the prisoners of war captured by the forces under the command of General Floyd, or by any other troops acting under state authority, and now in his custody, as soon as arrangements can be made by the confederate government to receive them; and the president is hereby respectfully requested to retain the custody of a sufficient number of such prisoners until he shall obtain the return and regular

exchange of any officers or soldiers captured while in the service of Virginia, and now held by the government of the United States as prisoners of war."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 52, noes 33.

On motion of Mr. NEWTON, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Baker, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Carpenter, Coleman, Crockett, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Franklin, Fry, Gatewood, Gilmer, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Jones, Kyle, Laundy, Magruder, Marye, Matthews, Mayo, McCumant, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. P. Taylor, Tomlin, Tredway, Ward, Williams, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wynne—52.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Baskervill, Booton, Buford, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Cowan, Daniel, Garrison, George, Green, Harrison, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Laidley, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, Orgain, Phelps, Powell, Richardson, Rowan, Vermillion, West and J. L. Wilson—33.

Mr. CARTER of Lancaster moved to amend the resolution, by adding thereto the following: "and the general assembly express their desire especially that the prisoners now confined in the penitentiary as hostages for Col. Zarvona, Capt. Duskey and Lieut. Varner, shall be so held and confined until the release of said Zarvona, Duskey and Varner has been agreed to by the government of the United States;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Mr. MARYE, from a special committee, presented the following bill; which, on his motion, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time:

No. 146. An act to provide for the publication of the acts and resolutions of a public nature, enacted and passed during the present session of the general assembly.

The resolutions heretofore submitted by Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge, in relation to salt, were taken up, on his motion; and the question being on agreeing to the first resolution, Mr. ANDERSON, by leave of the house, modified the resolution so as to read as follows:

"Resolved by the general assembly, that public necessity requires that the Washington and Smyth salt works should be under the exclusive control of the state during the war, and that in order to prevent speculation and extortion in an article of such vital necessity, all the salt made at the salt works should be made for the state, to be disposed of and distributed by her, after fulfilling the contracts of Stuart, Buchanan & Co. or Charles Scott & Co. with the confederate government, and their contracts with any of the states of the Confederate States, or any counties, cities or towns of this state, in such manner as would be least burdensome and most equitable to the consumer."

Mr. BUFORD moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the entire resolution, and inserting the following:

“Resolved by the general assembly, that a joint committee, consisting of _____ on the part of the senate, and _____ on the part of the house of delegates, be appointed, with authority to sit during the vacation of the general assembly, and to make a contract with Chas. Scott & Co. or Stuart, Buchanan & Co. for the delivery of at least seven hundred thousand bushels of salt prior to the 15th day of March 1864, with a provision in said contract that whenever, in the opinion of the committee, said Scott & Co. or Stuart, Buchanan & Co. shall fail to perform such contract, quiet and peaceable possession of the Washington and Smyth salt works, with the appurtenances thereto belonging, and the property of every kind used in operating said works, shall be delivered to said committee, for and in behalf of the state, or such portion of said works and property as the committee may desire; or if said committee cannot make a contract with said parties for the delivery of salt, on such terms as the committee think proper, the said committee shall have authority to contract with the proprietors of said works and property for the lease to the commonwealth of such portion of said works and property as the committee may desire, for the term of one year, with a provision for the renewal of the same: or if said committee cannot contract with said parties, either for the delivery of salt as aforesaid, or a lease of said works and property, then the committee shall have power to impress and take possession, for and on behalf of the commonwealth, of said works and property, or such portion as they may think proper; and whenever said committee get possession of said works and property by contract or impressment as aforesaid, the said committee shall sublet the same to such persons and in such manner as in the judgment of the committee will secure the delivery of salt as aforesaid; or if they cannot sublet said property on proper terms, then said committee shall cause said works or property to be worked and managed by an agent, for and on behalf of the state.

“Resolved, that a joint committee prepare and bring in a bill to give effect to the foregoing resolution.”

And the question being on agreeing to the first amendment, Mr. BUFORD moved to lay the resolution and amendment on the table; and the question being on agreeing to the motion, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 42, noes 39.

On motion of Mr. BUFORD, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Baker, Baskerville, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Buford, A. L. Carter, Cazenove, Cowan, Crockett, Custis, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Garrison, Gilmer, Green, Jones, Jordan, Laidley, Magruder, Marye, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Phelps, Reid, Robertson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Tredway, Welsh, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Wynne—42.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bradford, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coleman, Daniel, Eggleston, Fry, Gatewood, George, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Lundy, Mathews, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Rives, Rowan, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Vermillion, Ward, Woolfolk and Worsham—39.

The question being on agreeing to the second resolution submitted by Mr. ANDERSON (see Journal of evening session, March 20), Mr. TOMLIN moved to strike out the entire resolution, and to insert in lieu thereof the following:

“Resolved, that a joint committee, to consist of five on the part of the house, and three on the part of the senate, be appointed, to ascertain and report upon what terms, if any, the owners of the Washington and Smyth salt works will sell the same to the state; and if they will not so sell the said works to the state, to report a bill providing for impressing said works.”

Mr. BASS moved to amend the amendment, by striking out “to report a bill” and inserting in lieu thereof, “that said committee enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill.”

And the question being on agreeing to the amendment to the amendment, Mr. BARBOUR demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 30, noes 50.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Baskervill, Bass, Bouldin, Buford, A. L. Carter, Caze-
nove, Clarke, Coleman, Crockett, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Garrison, Gilmer, Jones,
Jordan, Laidley, Magruder, McKinney, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Robertson, R. C. Saunders,
Shannon, Tredway, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Wynne—30.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bigger, Booton,
Bradford, R. H. Carter, Custis, Daniel, Eggleston, Fry, Gatewood, George, Green, Hay-
mond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Lundy,
Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Noland,
Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, P. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples,
R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, Williams, Woolfolk and Worsham—50.

The hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, the chair was vacated until 8 o'clock P. M.

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Mr. MAGRUDER moved to adjourn; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg moved a call of the house; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. SAUNDERS of Franklin moved to adjourn; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 24, noes 16.

On motion of Mr. KYLE, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Booton, R. H. Carter, Davis, Dice, Fleming,
Gatewood, J. H. Hopkins, Jones, Magruder, Mathews, Orgain, Powell, Robertson, P.
Saunders, Shannon, Sherrard, Staples, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion, Welsh and Wil-
liams—24.

NOES—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Baskervill, Buford, Clarke, Crockett, H. L. Hopkins,
Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lundy, Pitman, Prince, Rives, Woolfolk and Wor-
sham—16.

Thereupon, the SPEAKER announced that the house stood adjourned until Monday, 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1863.

Prayer by Bishop Early of the Methodist church.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. JOHNSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to a joint resolution appointing agents to contract for a supply of salt, or to lease the Washington and Smyth county salt works, or in a certain contingency to impress the same: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The resolution was taken up.

Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the entire resolution, and inserting in lieu thereof the resolution heretofore submitted by Mr. TOMLIN. (See Journal of Saturday.)

The resolutions from the senate are as follows:

Resolved by the general assembly, that three persons be appointed, who shall have authority to make a contract, if they think proper, with Charles Scott & Co. or Stuart, Buchanan & Co. for the delivery of at least seven hundred thousand bushels of salt prior to the 15th day of March 1864, with a provision in said contract, that whenever, in the opinion of the agents, said Scott & Co. or Stuart, Buchanan & Co. shall fail to perform said contract, quiet and peaceable possession of the Washington and Smyth salt works, with the appurtenances thereto belonging, and the property of every kind used in operating said salt works, shall be delivered to said agents, for and on behalf of the state, or such portion of said works and property as the agents may desire: or if said agents cannot make a contract with said parties for the delivery of salt on such terms as the agents think proper, then said agents shall have authority to contract with the proprietors of said works and property, for the lease to the commonwealth of such portion of said works and property as the agents may desire, for the term of one year, with a provision for the renewal of the same: or if said agents cannot contract with said parties either for the delivery of salt as aforesaid, or a lease of said works and property, then said agents shall have power to impress and take possession, for and on behalf of the commonwealth, of said works and property, or such portion as they may think proper. And whenever said agents get possession of said works and property, by contract or impressment as aforesaid, the said agents shall sublet the same to such persons and in such manner as in the judgment of the agents will secure the delivery of salt as aforesaid: or if they cannot sublet said property on proper terms, then said agents shall cause said works and property to be worked and managed by an agent for and on behalf of the state.

Resolved, that a joint committee prepare and bring in a bill to give effect to the foregoing resolution.

Mr. MAGRUDER moved to amend the resolution from the senate, by inserting therein, after the word "salt," the following: "600,000 bushels of the same, to be delivered in monthly installments, as

nearly as possible, by the 15th of October 1863; and the balance, by the 15th March 1864;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the amendment submitted by Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge (being the resolution submitted by Mr. TOMLIN on Saturday), was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 45, noes 36.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bigger, Booton, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Cowan, Custis, Daniel, Eggleston, Forbes, Fry, Gatewood, George, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Kyle, Lockridge, Lundy, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Prince, Richardson, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Vermillion, Welsh, West and Worsham—45.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Baskerville, Bass, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Cazenove, Coleman, Crockett, Davis, Dice, Flood, Garrison, Gilmer, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Jones, Laidley, Magruder, Marye, McKinney, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Reid, Robertson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Tredway, Tyler, Ward, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wynne—36.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution as amended, Mr. BARBOUR demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 54, noes 35.

On motion of Mr. BUFORD, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bigger, Booton, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Cowan, Custis, Daniel, Eggleston, Forbes, Fry, Gatewood, George, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Lockridge, Lundy, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Richardson, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Vermillion, Ward, West, Welsh, Williams, Woolfolk and Worsham—54.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Baskerville, Bass, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Crockett, Davis, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Garrison, Gilmer, Jones, Laidley, Magruder, Marye, McKinney, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Reid, Robertson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Tredway, Tyler, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Wynne—35.

The resolution as amended is as follows:

Resolved by the general assembly, that a joint committee, to consist of five on the part of the house and three on the part of the senate, be appointed, to ascertain and report upon what terms, if any, the owners of the Washington and Smyth salt works will sell the same to the state; and if they will not sell the said works to the state, upon terms satisfactory to said committee, to report a bill providing for impressing said works.

Ordered, that Mr. TOMLIN carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Mr. FLOOD submitted the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas large portions of the population of the Confederate States have been withdrawn from their ordinary pursuits, and the industry and enterprise of the country, to a considerable extent, paralysed by the existing war: and whereas it may be inconvenient, at such a time, for many of our citizens to pay the taxes which the confederate government may deem it proper to levy:

Resolved by the general assembly, that the senators and represen-

tatives in congress from Virginia are hereby requested to urge the adoption by congress of such legislation as will authorize the states, or such of them as may elect to do so, to assume and pay their fair proportions of any tax which may be levied by congress for the present year.

And the question being on agreeing to the resolution, Mr. JAMES demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 56, noes 31.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baskerville, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Buford, Carpenter, Clarke, Coleman, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, James, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, McKinney, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Rives, Rowan, P. Saunders, Staples, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, West, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Worsham—56.

NOES—Messrs. Barbour, Booton, Bradford, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Cowan, Custis, Forbes, George, Green, Hunter, Hunt, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Lockridge, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Noland, Robinson, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Ward, Welsh, Williams, J. L. Wilson and Wynne—31.

Ordered, that Mr. BOULDIN carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

No. 96. An engrossed bill appropriating the public revenue for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and sixty-two and eighteen hundred and sixty-three, was taken up, read a third time and passed—Ayes 77.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Custis, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Magruder, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Rives, Robertson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wynne—77.

Ordered, that Mr. BOULDIN carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, announcing the death of Col. Charles Blue, superintendent of the penitentiary; which was read, and ordered to be spread upon the Journal.

The communication is as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, Virginia, March 23, 1863.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Delegates:

It is my painful duty to announce to the general assembly the death of Col. Charles Blue, late superintendent of the penitentiary. He departed this life Saturday evening last, at half-past five o'clock, after a brief illness.

Colonel Blue was a gentleman of irreproachable character, and enjoyed in a high degree the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens. He filled the offices of sheriff and justice of the peace in the county of Hampshire; repeatedly represented that county in the house of delegates; and also represented his district in the reform

convention of 1850. In all these positions his duties were faithfully discharged—creditably to himself, and usefully to his countrymen. He was an industrious, energetic, business man, and success crowned his efforts. In all the relations of life he was without reproach, and he has sunk into the grave beloved and honored.

May the all-wise Ruler of the Universe, who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb, comfort and protect the widow and orphans in this their sad day of affliction and bereavement.

The duty devolves upon you of filling the vacancy thus suddenly and unexpectedly created. It is important that it shall be filled speedily, or the interests of the state may suffer.

Respectfully,

JOHN LETCHER.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. NEWLON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had adopted a resolution to fill the vacancy in the office of superintendent of the penitentiary, occasioned by the death of Col. Charles Blue: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. CHRISTIAN of Augusta, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed an act authorizing the banks of the commonwealth, during the existing war, to convert confederate treasury notes in their possession into other obligations of the Confederate States: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt,

Resolved, that hereafter the sessions of the house shall commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. CHRISTIAN, the senator from Augusta, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed an act increasing the compensation of clerks of courts during the existing war, No. 103: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. EARLY, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the amendment (by way of substitute) proposed by the house of delegates to the resolution appointing agents to contract for a supply of salt, &c., with amendments: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The amendments of the senate were taken up and agreed to.

Ordered, that Mr. TOMLIN inform the senate thereof.

The resolution, as amended by the senate, is as follows:

Resolved by the general assembly, that a joint committee, to consist of five on the part of the house, and three on the part of the senate, be appointed, to ascertain and report upon what terms, if any, the owners of the Washington and Smyth salt works will sell or lease the same, or such portion thereof as may be necessary to supply the state with salt, to the state; and if they will not sell or lease the said works, or such portion thereof as may be necessary to supply the state

with salt, to the state, upon terms satisfactory to said committee, to report a bill providing for impressing said works, or such portion thereof as may be necessary to supply the state with salt.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. NEWMAN, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed house bill entitled an act to provide for voting by persons in the military service, and persons absent from their respective counties and corporations on account of the presence of the public enemy, in elections for members of congress, and for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, and for members of the general assembly, and to amend and re-enact the third section of chapter eight of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, No. 115, with amendments: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. CHRISTIAN, the senator from Augusta, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a bill entitled an act authorizing the banks of the commonwealth, during the existing war, to convert confederate treasury notes in their possession into other obligations of the confederate government, No. 111: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 91. A bill imposing taxes for the support of government, with the amendments thereto proposed by the senate, was taken up, on motion of Mr. CARTER of Lancaster, and on his motion, laid on the table, and made the order of the day for the evening session at 8 o'clock P. M.

Mr. FORBES submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the general assembly, that the term of its present session be extended to Monday the 30th day of March 1863:

Objection being made, Mr. FORBES moved a suspension of the rule, with a view to consider the resolution this day.

Pending the consideration of which, the hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, the chair was vacated until 8 o'clock P. M.

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The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution adopted this morning, in relation to the purchase or impressment of the salt works, viz: Messrs. Tomlin, Anderson of Rockbridge, Barbour, Hunter and Lundy.

The joint resolution to fill the vacancy in the office of superintendent of the penitentiary, occasioned by the death of Col. Charles Blue, was taken up and concurred in.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

No. 91. A bill imposing taxes for the support of government, with the amendments thereto proposed by the senate, being the order of the day, was taken up:

Mr. FORBES moved to pass by the order of the day, in order to take up the resolution this day submitted by him for an extension of

the present session of the general assembly; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. GEORGE demanded the previous question; and the question being—Shall the main question be now put? was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 29, noes 41.

On motion of Mr. FORBES, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Booton, Biford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Crockett, Eggleston, Flood, Garrison, George, Gilmer, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, Kaufman, Kyle, Lockridge, Laudy, Mathews, McKinney, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Prince, Rives, Robinson, R. C. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, J. L. Wilson and Worsham—29.

NOES—Messrs. Shaffer (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Baker, Harbour, Bouldin, Cazenove, Clarke, Cowan, Custis, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Jones, Magruder, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Reid, Riddick, Rutherford, P. Saunders, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, West, Welsh, Williams and Woolfolk—41.

Mr. FORBES, by leave of the house, withdrew the motion.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. DICKINSON, the senator from Prince Edward, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had disagreed to the amendment proposed by the house of delegates to the resolution authorizing and directing the governor to transfer the prisoners, captured by the state line, to the confederate government, except those held as hostages for Col. Zarvona and others.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill No. 91, entitled an act imposing taxes for the support of government, being the order of the day, were taken up.

The first and second amendments were agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the third amendment, which is as follows:

“Section 2, line 15, strike out all after the word ‘debtor,’ and insert the following words: ‘money and credits in any state of the Confederate States, or in any other country, owned by any resident of this state, shall be listed by such resident, and taxed to him at the rate prescribed by this act. In ascertaining the value of such money or credits, the commissioner shall examine the person on oath, if to be found; if not found, shall assess the same upon the best information he can obtain, and shall add to, or deduct the exchange on the value of such money or credit between this state and such state or country where such moneys or credits may be, to be computed as of the first of February next preceding. A person who, in consequence of the power or presence of the public enemy in the county of his residence, shall have departed therefrom, and shall be sojourning in any other county or corporation, shall be listed for taxation, on his person and property, in the county or corporation of his sojourn. In listing the property of such person, other than solvent credits, the commissioner shall omit such property as may be in any county or corporation, which is so entirely occupied by the public enemy that the commissioner or commissioners therein cannot exercise his or their office’”—

—was put, and decided in the negative.

The question being on agreeing to the fourth amendment, which is as follows:

“Add at the end of section 5, the following proviso: ‘provided,

that this section shall not be construed so as to impose a tax upon interest or profit which may have accrued, and not been received, upon bonds or other securities or certificates of debt of any corporation, city or state in the United States, owned prior to the 17th of April 1861'—

—was put, and decided in the negative.

The fifth amendment of the senate was concurred in.

The question being on agreeing to the sixth amendment of the senate, which was to insert as independent sections the two following, to come in after section 9, the question was divided; and the question being on agreeing to the following as an independent section:

On income.

“10. On the income, salary, compensation or fees received during the year ending the first day of February of each year, in consideration of the discharge of any office or employment in the service of the state, or in consideration of the discharge of any office or employment in the service of any corporation, or in the service of any company, firm or person, except where the service is exclusively that of a minister of the gospel, two and one-half per centum upon so much thereof as exceeds five hundred dollars. The tax on a salary, payable under this section by an officer of government, receiving the same out of the treasury, shall be deducted at the rate chargeable on the annual salary, on the amount drawn from the treasury at the time the salary is audited and paid; and fees or other income of such officer shall be listed and assessed by the commissioners as in other cases, and at the rates prescribed thereon,”—

—was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 62, noes 15.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Baskerville, Bass, Booton, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coleman, Crockett, Custis, Eggleston, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Lundy, Marye, Mathews, A. W. McDonald, Newton, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, West, Welsh, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Worsham—62.

NOES—Messrs. Baker, Bouldin, Cazenove, Daniel, Davis, Dice, H. L. Hopkins, Magruder, McCamant, McKinney, Noland, Rives, Robinson, R. C. Saunders and Tredway—15.

Resolved, that the amendment, so far as the same relates to the proposed 10th section, be rejected.

Mr. NOLAND moved a suspension of the rule, with a view to reconsider the vote rejecting the section; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the section, on motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the bill and amendments were laid on the table, and made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

House bill No. 115, entitled an act to provide for voting by persons in the military service, and persons absent from their respective counties and corporations on account of the presence of the public enemy, in elections for members of congress, and for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, and for members of the general assembly, and to amend and re-enact the third section of chapter 8 of

the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, with the amendments thereto proposed by the senate, was taken up, on motion of Mr. GREEN.

The first, second and third amendments were agreed to; and the question being on agreeing to the fourth amendment, was put; and it appearing that no quorum voted,

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1863.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, March 23, 1863.

The senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by the house of delegates to senate bill entitled:

An act to amend the act passed March tenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an ordinance extending the jurisdiction of the county courts in certain cases, passed by the convention on the twenty-sixth day of June eighteen hundred and sixty-one, No. 51.

They have passed house bill entitled:

An act to extend the time within which to institute proceedings for misdemeanors in counties, cities and towns in possession of or threatened by the enemy, No. 98.

An act incorporating the Elk river coal, oil and iron mining and manufacturing company of Kanawha county, No. 126.

And they have rejected house bills entitled:

An act to amend and re-enact the 2d section of an act passed February 13, 1863, entitled an act amending and re-enacting the first and second sections of an act entitled an act to repeal the fence law of Virginia as to certain counties, and to authorize the county courts to dispense with enclosures in other counties, passed October 3, 1862, and to legalize the action of county courts held under said law, No. 144.

An act to incorporate the Stonewall water power and manufacturing company of Richmond, No. 129.

They have passed house bill entitled:

An act to provide representation for the counties where the court-houses are in the possession or power of the public enemy, No. 137, with amendments.

And they have agreed to a resolution extending the present session of the general assembly.

In which amendments and resolution they request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 103. A senate bill entitled an act increasing the compensation of clerks of courts during the existing war, was taken up and read a first, second and third times; and the question being—Shall the

bill pass? Mr. WOOLFOLK moved the indefinite postponement of the bill; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. HAYMOND demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 22, noes 46.

On motion of Mr. HUNTT, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Bass, Clarke, Cowan, Eggleston, Franklin, Fry, Gatewood, George, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, Johnson, Kyle, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, Orgain, Pitman, P. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, Ward, Williams, Woolfolk and Worsham—22.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Baker, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Coleman, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Garrison, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, H. L. Hopkins, James, Jones, Laidley, Lockridge, Magruder, Mallory, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Phelps, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Rowan, Rutherford, Sherrard, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, West and J. L. Wilson—46.

The bill was then passed.

Ordered, that Mr. HOPKINS inform the senate thereof.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill entitled an act to provide representation for the counties where the courthouses are in the possession or power of the public enemy, No. 137, were taken up and concurred in.

Ordered, that Mr. GREEN inform the senate thereof.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. NASH, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed senate bill entitled an act appropriating money to rebuild a portion of the public warehouse, and to pay for the tobacco destroyed by the recent fire at that warehouse, No. 108: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 111. A senate bill entitled an act authorizing the banks of the commonwealth, during the existing war, to convert confederate treasury notes in their possession into other obligations of the Confederate States, was read a first, second and third times and passed—Ayes 73.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Mallory, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Woolfolk and Worsham—73.

Ordered, that Mr. ROBERTSON inform the senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, the house resolved itself into secret session.

The resolution from the senate, extending the session, which is as follows:

“Resolved by the general assembly, that the present session be extended until Monday the 30th instant”—was taken up.

Mr. BOULDIN moved to amend the resolution, by striking out all after the words “Resolved by the general assembly, that” and inserting the following:

“The present session be further extended for the period of fifteen days, and that when the two houses shall adjourn on Friday the 27th

instant, they will adjourn to meet again on Wednesday the 22d of April next."

The question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 31, noes 57.

On motion of Mr. KYLE, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bigger, Bouldin, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Flood, Forbes, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Magruder, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Sherrard, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wynne—31.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Barbour, Booton, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Fleming, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Lockridge, Lundy, Mallory, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Rives, Rutherford; P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson and Worsham—57.

Mr. RIVES moved to amend the resolution, by striking out "Monday the 30th," and inserting "Thursday the 26th;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution of the senate, was put, and the roll was called, with the following result—Ayes 68, noes 21:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskerville, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Coleman, Cowan, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Magruder, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Tomlin, Tyler, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, S. M. Wilson and Wynne—68.

NOES—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Booton, Buford, Cazenove, Clarke, Crockett, Eggleston, Franklin, Lundy, Mallory, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Powell, Prince, Rives, Rowan, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Vermillion, J. L. Wilson and Worsham—21.

Three-fifths of the members not having voted in favor of the resolution,

Resolved, that the resolution be rejected.

Mr. ANDERSON of Rockbridge moved a suspension of the rule, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was rejected; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution of the senate, Mr. CAZENOVE moved to amend the resolution by striking out "Monday the 30th instant," and inserting "Saturday the 28th;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 80, noes 9.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskerville, Bass, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Coleman, Cowan, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Worsham and Wynne—80.

Notes—Messrs. Clarke, Crockett, Eggleston, Franklin, Rives, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Vermillion and Woolfolk—9.

Ordered, that Mr. BARBOUR inform the senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. CARTER of Lancaster,

Resolved, that a special committee be appointed, with leave to bring in a bill to suppress speculation in food.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. Carter, Tomlin and Barbour.

Mr. CARTER, from the committee, subsequently presented the following bill:

No. 147. A bill to suppress speculation in food; which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. COLLIER, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed, with an amendment, house bill No. 95, entitled an act to convert into stock, to be held by the state, the interest in arrear due by the South side rail road company to the state: in which amendment they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The joint order, which had for its object the election of superintendent of the penitentiary, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Col. Charles Blue, was taken up and read.

Mr. WORSHAM nominated Mr. *Colin Bass* of Roanoke.

Ordered, that Mr. WORSHAM inform the senate that the house is ready on its part to proceed to the execution of the joint order, and that *Colin Bass* was in nomination.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. JOHNSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate was ready on its part to proceed to the execution of the joint order, and that *E. J. Armstrong* was in nomination before that body.

The roll was then called, with the following result:

For *Colin Bass*—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, George, Gilmer, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Magruder, Mallory, Mayo, McCannant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Ratherfoord, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Worsham—73.

For *E. J. Armstrong*—Messrs. Cowan, Gatewood, Green, Haymond, Johnson, Phelps, Pitman, Robinson, Rowan, Sherrard and Vermillion—11.

For *Green James*—Mr. McLaughlin—1.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee on the part of the house, to meet a corresponding committee on the part of the senate, to ascertain and report the joint vote, viz: Messrs. Worsham, Anderson of Botetourt, Magruder, Hopkins of Petersburg, Gatewood, Green, Phelps, Sherrard, and Wilson of Isle of Wight.

Mr. WORSHAM, from the committee, presented the following report:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	122
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	62
Of which Colin Bass received	-	-	100
E. J. Armstrong	-	-	21
Scattering,	-	-	1

Colin Bass, Esq. having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected superintendent of the penitentiary, to supply the vacancy created by the death of Col. Charles Blue.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill No. 91, entitled an act imposing taxes for the support of government, being the order of the day, was taken up.

Several amendments were agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the 12th amendment of the senate, was put; and it appearing that no quorum voted, Mr. BARBOUR moved a call of the house; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The roll was then called the first and second times, and the following members noted as absent:

Messrs. Bailey, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Brooks, Burks, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coffman, Custis, Dabney, Daniel, Dunn, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fletcher, Fry, Fulton, Gillespie, Grattan, Harrison, Jordan, Kaufman, Lively, Lynn, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, Montague, Murdaugh, Phelps, Prince, Richardson, Riddick, Robinson, Shannon, Small, Spady, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Vaden, Vermillion, Walker, West, J. L. Wilson, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Wootten, Worsham, Wright and Wynne.

The doors were then closed by order of the SPEAKER.

The roll was then called the third time, and the following members were, on motions severally made, excused for non-attendance: Messrs. Bailey, Booton, Brooks, Burks, Cazenove, Coffman, Custis, Gillespie, Richardson, Wootten and Worsham.

On the third calling of the roll, the following members were found absent:

Messrs. Bayse, Bigger, R. H. Carter, Cecil, Clarke, Dabney, Daniel, Dunn, Edmunds, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fletcher, Fry, Fulton, Grattan, Harrison, Jordan, Kaufman, Lively, Lynn, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, Mayo, Montague, Murdaugh, Phelps, Prince, Riddick, Robinson, Shannon, Small, Spady, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Thrash, Vaden, Vermillion, Walker, West, J. L. Wilson, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Wright and Wynne.

The third call of the roll having been completed, Mr. JAMES moved that further proceedings under the call be dispensed with; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

The hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, the chair was vacated until 8 o'clock P. M.

————— EVENING SESSION.

On motions severally made, the following members appearing, were excused for non-attendance: Messrs. R. H. Carter, Clarke, Daniel, Eggleston, Fry, Phelps, Prince, Riddick, Robinson, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Vermillion and J. L. Wilson.

On motions severally made, the following absent members were excused: Messrs. Bigger, Grattan and Harrison.

On motion of Mr. McCAMANT,

Resolved, that further proceedings under the call of the house be dispensed with, and that this house expresses its unqualified condem-

nation of the practice of members leaving its sessions without its leave; and the sergeant at arms is hereby directed to notify the absent members that their attendance is required.

On motion of Mr. TOMLIN, leave was granted the committee on salt to sit during the sessions of this house.

Mr. BOOTON, at his own request, was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of this house during the remainder of the session.

Mr. LOCKRIDGE, at his own request, was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of this house during the remainder of the session.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. ROBERTSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed, with an amendment, house bill No. 145, entitled an act to incorporate the Old Dominion trading company of the city of Richmond: in which amendment they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill No. 91, entitled an act imposing taxes for the support of government, were taken up.

The question being on agreeing to the 12th amendment proposed by the senate, which was to strike out "ten," and insert "five," in 18th section, relating to tax on transfer of state stock (the tax in the original bill being ten cents on every hundred dollars), was put, and decided in the negative.

The 13th amendment of the senate was agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the 14th amendment of the senate, which was to add to the 18th section the following words: "deducting five per cent. thereon as his compensation" (the effect being to allow the second auditor five per cent. commission for collection, &c.), was put, and the roll was called, with the following result—Ayes 57, noes 19:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Garrison, Gatewood, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Jones, Kaufman, Laidley, Lockridge, Magruder, Mallory, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Riddick, Robertson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Tyler, Welsh, Williams, J. L. Wilson and S. M. Wilson—57.

NOES—Messrs. Baker, Baskervill, Buford, Davis, Fry, George, Gilmer, Johnson, Kyle, Orgain, Prince, Rives, Robinson, Rutherford, Sherrard, Staples, Vernillion, Ward and Woolfolk—19.

A majority of the whole house not having voted in favor of the amendment,

Resolved, that the amendment be rejected.

The 15th and 16th amendments were agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the 17th amendment of the senate, which was to strike out in the 32d section (relating to bagatelle tables) the words "other like;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

The question being on agreeing to the 18th amendment of the senate, which was in the 32d section to strike out "twenty-five" and

insert "thirty" (being the tax on the additional bagatelle tables after the first); and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 74.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskervill, Booton, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Kanfinan, Kyle, Laidley, Magruder, Mallory, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Woolfolk—74.

The 19th amendment of the senate was then agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the 20th amendment of the senate, which was to strike out in the 39th section of the bill the words "five-eighths of" (the clause of the bill being as follows: "on every license to an auctioneer or vendue master in this section mentioned, to continue the business after the same has been carried on for a year, there shall be an additional tax of *five-eighths* of one per centum on the amount of taxable sales of such auctioneer or vendue master for the preceding 12 months")—was put, and the roll was called with the following result—Ayes 51, noes 20:

AYES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Green, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, Johnson, Jones, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Mallory, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Richardson, Riddick, Robinson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, Williams, S. M. Wilson and Woolfolk—51.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Baskervill, Booton, Bouldin, A. L. Carter, Cazenove, Coleman, Davis, Gilmer, H. L. Hopkins, Kaufman, Magruder, W. G. T. Nelson, Powell, Rives, Robertson, R. C. Saunders and J. L. Wilson—20.

A majority of the whole house not having voted in favor of the amendment,

Resolved, that the same be rejected.

On motion of Mr. BRADFORD, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1863.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, March 24, 1863.

The senate have passed house bill entitled:

An act to prescribe the mode of ascertaining and certifying elections of delegates and senators during the existing war, No. 142.

And they have passed a bill entitled:

An act amending the first section of the third chapter of the Code of Virginia, defining citizenship, No. 77.

In which they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 108. A senate bill entitled an act appropriating money to rebuild a portion of the public warehouse, and to pay for the tobacco destroyed by the recent fire at that warehouse, was taken up, read a first and second times, and referred to the committee on finance.

No. 77. A senate bill entitled an act amending the first section of the third chapter of the Code of Virginia, defining citizenship, was taken up, read a first and second times, and referred to the committee for courts of justice.

The resolution authorizing and directing the governor to transfer the prisoners, captured by the state line, to the confederate government, except those held as hostages for Col. Zarvona and others, with the amendment proposed by the house of delegates, and disagreed to by the senate, was taken up.

Mr. HAYMOND moved that the house recede from its amendment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. SAUNDERS of Campbell,

Resolved, that (the senate concurring) a committee of conference be appointed to consider the subjects of disagreement in reference to a resolution authorizing and directing the governor to transfer the prisoners, captured by the state line, to the confederate government, except those held as hostages for Col. Zarvona and others.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill No. 95, entitled an act to convert into stock, to be held by the state, the interest in arrear due by the South side rail road company to the state, was taken up and concurred in.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

The amendment proposed by the senate to house bill No. 145, entitled an act to incorporate the Old Dominion trading company of the city of Richmond, was taken up and concurred in.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. BRANNON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed, with amendments, house bill No. 96, entitled an act appropriating the public revenue for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and sixty-two and eighteen hundred and sixty-three: in which amendments they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. ROBERTSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed house bill No. 42, entitled an act to incorporate the Confederate express company.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. ROBERTSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to a resolution requesting the house of delegates to return to the senate house bill entitled an act to incorporate the Stonewall water power and manufacturing company of the city of Richmond.

On motion of Mr. BRADFORD,

Resolved, that the committee on finance enquire into the expedi-

ency of reporting a bill authorizing the second auditor to pay — Thornton certain coupons lost while in his possession.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. NASH, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed, with an amendment, house bill No. 118, entitled an act to incorporate the Virginia glee club (Gesang Verein): in which amendment they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill No. 91, entitled an act imposing taxes for the support of government, was taken up.

The 21st, 22d and 23d amendments were agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the 24th amendment of the senate, which was to strike out, in the following section:

Brokers.

“On every license to a broker who deals in stocks, bank notes, gold or silver coin, foreign or domestic exchange, or in securities of any kind, one thousand seven hundred dollars. A broker shall have the right to sell stocks at auction or otherwise; and any person who may sell *stocks* on commission, shall be regarded as a broker”—the word “stocks” where it last occurs, and to insert “gold or silver coin, bank notes, treasury notes, foreign or domestic exchange, or securities of any kind”—

Mr. BOULDIN moved to amend the amendment, by adding before the words “or in securities of any kind,” the word “stocks;” which motion the SPEAKER ruled to be out of order. From which decision of the Chair Mr. BOULDIN appealed; and the question being—Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the house? was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. FORBES moved to amend the amendment of the senate, by inserting after the word “exchange” the following: “Shares in any corporation or chartered company, certificates of debt due by the Confederate States, or by any state or corporation or chartered company;” and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the 24th amendment of the senate as amended, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 79.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robinson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Wynne—79.

The 25th and 26th amendments proposed by the senate were agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the 27th amendment, which was to add as independent sections, three sections to come in after the 65th section, on motion, the question was divided; and the ques-

tion being on agreeing to the 67th section as proposed by the senate, Mr. BOULDIN moved to insert in the 9th line, after the word "of," "some one of;" which was agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to the senate's amendment as amended, was put and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 82.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Lockridge, Lundy, Magruder, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Wynne—82.

The section agreed to is as follows:

Hawkers and peddlers.

"67. On every license to a hawker or peddler to deal in goods, wares and merchandise, two hundred and fifty dollars: provided, however, the hawker and peddler to be taxed under this section, shall first obtain from the county or corporation court, within whose jurisdiction the said license is intended to be used, a certificate that the applicant is a loyal citizen of the Confederate States, and has been a resident of this state for two years, and of the county, city or town for one year next preceding the granting of said certificate."

The question being on agreeing to the 68th section proposed by the senate, which is as follows:

To whom not to be issued.

"68. No license shall be granted to a married woman, unless she shall be living separate and apart from her husband; nor shall a license be granted to any person for the benefit of another. To prevent an evasion of this section, the commissioner shall examine the party applying for a license on oath, and compel a disclosure of all the partners and parties in interest; and if any such partners or parties are not authorized to obtain a license, such license shall be refused. After a license shall have been granted, if it appear that any partner or person in interest is operating under the same, who by law are not authorized to obtain a license, such license shall be held to be void"—

—was put and decided in the negative.

Mr. CARTER of Lancaster moved a suspension of the rule, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the house rejected the 20th amendment of the senate, which was, in section 39, line 14, to strike out the words "five-eighths of" (the effect of the amendment being to impose a tax of one per centum upon the taxable sales of general auctioneers); and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the amendment, was put, and decided in the negative—a majority of the whole house not having voted in favor of the amendment—Ayes 58, noes 26.

AYES—Messrs. J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bradford, Buford, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Franklin, Fry, Gatewood, George, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Lockridge, Lundy, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Prince, Richardson, Riddick, Rowan, Rutherford, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, S. M. Wilson and Woolfolk—58.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffield (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Baskervill, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Cazenove, Davis, Flood, Forbes, Garrison, Gilmer, H. L. Hopkins, Magruder, Mayo, W. G. T. Nelson, Powell, Reid, Rives, Robertson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Tredway, J. L. Wilson and Wynne—26.

On motion of Mr. NEWTON, the house proceeded to the consideration of the 6th amendment proposed by the senate; and the question being on agreeing to the proposed 10th section as follows:

On income.

“10. On the income, salary, compensation or fees received during the year ending the first day of February of each year, in consideration of the discharge of any office or employment in the service of the state, or in consideration of the discharge of any office or employment in the service of any corporation, or in the service of any company, firm or person, except where the service is exclusively that of a minister of the gospel, two and one-half per centum upon so much thereof as exceeds five hundred dollars. The tax on a salary, payable under this section by an officer of the government, receiving the same out of the treasury, shall be deducted at the rate chargeable on the annual salary, on the amount drawn from the treasury at the time the salary is audited and paid; and fees or other income of such officer shall be listed and assessed by the commissioners as in other cases, and at the rates prescribed thereon”—

—was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 68, noes 18.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffield (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bigger, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coleman, Crockett, Daniel, Dice, Eggleston, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Gatewood, George, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lockridge, Lundy, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Wynne—63.

NOES—Messrs. Baker, Baskervill, Bass, Bouldin, Cazenove, Davis, Fleming, Forbes, Garrison, Gilmer, Magruder, McCamant, McKinney, W. G. T. Nelson, Robertson, Robinson, R. C. Saunders and Tredway—18.

The question being on agreeing to the 11th section as proposed by the senate; which is as follows:

On profits.

“11. The commissioner of the revenue shall ascertain from, and assess for taxation against, every person in his district, the net income of such person, received or realized, though not received, during the year next preceding the first day of February of each year, derived in any of the modes following, set:

First—All profits from any licensed trade, business or occupation:

Second—All profits from the use of money by another, for the benefit of the owner thereof:

Third—All profits from buying and selling, or from the exchange of real or personal property, or from buying and selling or from the

exchange of bonds, public and private, stocks and other choses in action, and all profits from any other trading or speculating: provided, however, that this section shall not be construed to embrace the agricultural products, when sold by the producer, or the personal property used in raising said products, nor cattle or other live stock, when sold by the person assessed with the tax on said cattle, or other live stock; nor a sale of real or personal property, purchased by the vendor for his own individual use, and not for resale by him; nor any income, salary, compensation or fees received from the discharge of any office or employment mentioned and taxed under the provisions of the next preceding section. The auditor of public accounts shall make such rules and regulations for the guidance of the commissioner under this section, as he shall deem proper; and shall, for that purpose, direct the examination on oath of any party concerned, and of any other person whose evidence may aid the commissioner in the performance of his duty.

Redress for any alleged erroneous assessment, and all proceedings thereon, shall be regulated by the laws in force in other cases.

The tax under this section shall be seventeen per centum upon so much of the net income, assessed as herein before provided, as exceeds the sum of three thousand dollars: provided, that all licenses, taxes or per centage taxes paid for the year preceding the 1st day of February 1863, by persons who may have obtained a license, shall be abated from the gross incomes, in order to ascertain the net incomes taxed under this section; and all other expenses incurred in carrying on the business which may have produced such income for said year, and all county, city and corporation taxes for the privilege of carrying on said business for said year, shall be abated from the gross income"—

Mr. FORBES moved to amend the proposed section, by inserting in the 18th line of the printed amendment, after the word "stock," the following: "nor cattle or other live stock sold by the person who has grazed or fed the same for a period not less than three months prior to such sale."

The question recurring on agreeing to the amendment as amended, was put, and decided in the negative—a majority of the whole house not having voted in favor thereof—Ayes 57, noes 25.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bradford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coleman, Crockett, Daniel, Dice, Eggleston, Fleming, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Newton, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Reid, Richardson, Rowan, Rutherford, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tyler, Vermillion, Welsh, West and Williams—57.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, Baskervill, Bigger, Bouldin, Buford, Cazenove, Davis, Flood, Gilmer, Jones, Lundy, Magruder, McKinney, W. G. T. Nelson, Noland, Prince, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Tredway, Ward, S. M. Wilson and Wynne—25.

On motion of Mr. NOLAND, the rule was suspended, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the amendment of the senate was rejected; and the question being on agreeing to the amendment of the senate, on motion of Mr. CAZENOVE, the chair was vacated until 8 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

On motion of Mr. McCAMANT,

Resolved, unanimously, that Colin Bass, Esq. the delegate from the county of Roanoke, who was recently elected to the office of superintendent of the penitentiary, be requested to retain his seat in this house until Monday next.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill No. 91, entitled an act imposing taxes for the support of government, being the order of the day, were taken up.

The question being on agreeing to the proposed 11th section, contained in the 6th amendment of the senate, as amended by the house, (for section see journal of morning session), Mr. McCAMANT moved to strike out "seventeen" and to insert "ten," (the effect being to fix the tax imposed by the section at "ten" instead of "seventeen" per cent.); and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. JAMES demanded the previous question, which was sustained by the house, and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 35, noes 47.

On motion of Mr. FORBES, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Bigger, Bouldin, Buford, Cazenove, Coleman, Daniel, Davis, Flood, Garrison, George, Gilmer, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Jones, Magruder, Mayo, McCamant, McKimney, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Powell, Prince, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Tredway, Ward, West, Williams, Woolfolk and Wynne—35.

NOES—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Barbour, Bass, Bradford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Cowan, Crockett, Dice, Fleming, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Gatewood, Grattan, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, A. W. McDonald, McLaughlin, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Vermillion, Welsh, J. L. Wilson and Worsham—47.

The question recurring on agreeing to the proposed 11th section, was put, and the roll was called, with the following result—Ayes 63, noes 20:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bradford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Dice, Fleming, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Grattan, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McKimney, McLaughlin, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Reid, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Woolfolk and Worsham—63.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, Baskervill, Bigger, Bouldin, Buford, Cazenove, Davis, Flood, Gilmer, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, Magruder, Mayo, W. G. T. Nelson, Prince, Rives, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Tredway and Wynne—20.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, the rule was suspended, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was rejected.

Mr. FLEMING moved a suspension of the rule, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the house rejected the amendment proposing to strike out in the proposed section, "seventeen per centum" and to insert "ten per centum;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question being on striking out "seventeen per centum," and inserting "ten per centum," was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment of the senate

as amended by the house, was put, and decided in the affirmative—
Ayes 71, noes 10.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Bradford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Grattan, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Woolfolk and Worsham—71.

NOES—Messrs. Baskervill, Bouldin, Cazenove, Davis, Gilmer, Magruder, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Tredway and Wynne—10.

On motion of Mr. COWAN, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1863.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, March 25, 1863.

The senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by the house of delegates to senate bill entitled an act amending and re-enacting an ordinance of the convention concerning the aids to the governor, No. 37.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the sergeant at arms, showing in what manner he had executed the order of the house directing him to notify absent members that their attendance was desired; which was read, and on motion, laid on the table.

The resolution from the senate, asking the return of house bill entitled an act to incorporate the Stonewall water power and manufacturing company, was taken up and concurred in.

Ordered, that Mr. ROBERTSON carry the same to the senate.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill No. 118, entitled an act to incorporate the Virginia glee club (Gesang Verein), was taken up and concurred in.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill No. 96, entitled an act appropriating the public revenue for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and sixty-two and eighteen hundred and sixty-three, were taken up, and on motion, laid upon the table.

Mr. McCAMANT, from the committee of propositions and grievances, to whom had been referred

No. 62. A senate bill entitled an act authorizing the erection of a toll bridge over Dan river at Wilson's ferry, presented the same without amendment.

No. 127. A bill to incorporate the Southwestern insurance company of Abingdon, was taken up, on motion of Mr. CLARKE, read a

second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GILMER,

Resolved, that a special committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of amending and re-enacting the third section of an act passed March 14th, 1862, entitled an act to organize a home guard.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution, viz: Messrs. Gilmer, Anderson of Botetourt, Saunders of Campbell, Buford and Rives.

Subsequently, Mr. GILMER, from the committee, presented the following bill:

No. 148. A bill to amend and re-enact the third section of an act passed May 14th, 1862, entitled an act to organize a home guard.

No. 62. A senate bill entitled an act authorizing the erection of a toll bridge over Dan river at Wilson's ferry, was taken up, read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. BALL, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the following resolutions, in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates:

Resolved (with the consent of the house of delegates), that the injunction of secrecy in respect to the resolution disbanding the state line, be removed.

Resolved by the general assembly, that the action of the general assembly, in secret session, in reference to the state line, be immediately communicated to the governor.

The resolutions were concurred in.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

The amendment (not previously agreed to) proposed by the senate to house bill No. 115, entitled an act to provide for voting by persons in the military service, and persons absent from their respective counties and corporations, on account of the presence of the public enemy, in elections for members of congress, and for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, and for members of the general assembly, and to amend and re-enact the third section of chapter eight of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, was taken up and agreed to.

Ordered, that Mr. CLARKE inform the senate thereof.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. WRITTEN, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed house bill No. 127, entitled an act to incorporate the Southwestern insurance company of Abingdon.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. COLLIER, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed house bill No. 109, entitled an act to amend the 3d and 4th sections of the act to authorize the Upper Appomattox company to enlarge their capi-

tal stock, and for other purposes, with an amendment: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 23. A senate bill entitled an act concerning officers of the state who have taken an oath to support an usurped government within the limits of this state, was taken up and further amended, and as amended read a second time.

Mr. FORBES moved the indefinite postponement of the bill; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 4, noes 73.

On motion of Mr. COWAN, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Forbes, Hunt, J. L. Wilson and S. M. Wilson—4.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskerville, Bass, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Grattan, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, James, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tredway, Tyler, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams and Worsham—73.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. COWAN communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Mr. SAUNDERS of Campbell submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, that when this house adjourns to-day, it will adjourn to meet to-morrow at 8 o'clock P. M.; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 52, noes 23.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, Baker, Bass, Buford, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Gatewood, Gilmer, James, Jones, Kaufman, Magruder, Mayo, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rutherford, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tredway, Tyler, Ward, Welsh, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Worsham—52.

NOES—Messrs. Bouldin, Bradford, Carpenter, Crockett, Forbes, Garrison, George, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Johnson, Kyle, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Rives, Robertson, Robinson, P. Saunders, Vermillion, West and Williams—23.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, enclosing a letter from his excellency the president of the Confederate States, on the subject of transportation; which was, on motion, laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Doc. No. 44.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. DICKINSON, the senator from Prince Edward, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to a resolution asking for a committee of conference in reference to the subjects of disagreement between the two houses in regard to a resolution authorizing the governor to transfer certain prisoners, captured by the state line, to the confederate government, and that the senate had appointed the committee on its part.

Mr. TOMLIN, from the joint committee appointed to contract with Stuart, Buchanan & Co. for the sale or lease of the Washington and Smyth salt works, presented the following bill:

No. 149. A bill to provide for the production and distribution of salt; which, on his motion, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee of conference on the part of the house, in relation to the matters of disagreement between the two houses in relation to a resolution authorizing and directing the governor to transfer the prisoners, captured by the state line, to the confederate government, except those held as hostages for Col. Zarvona and others: Messrs. Newton, Saunders of Campbell, Jones, Haymond and Buford.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill entitled an act imposing taxes for the support of government, were taken up.

The question being on agreeing to the 11th amendment of the senate, which was, in the 16th section, 6th line, to strike out "forty" before the word "cents," and to insert "fifty" (the effect being to increase writ taxes, in certain cases, from \$3 40 to \$3 50); and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 62, noes 8.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskervill, Bass, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Magruder, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDónald, I. E. McDonald, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Ward, Welsh, Williams and Worsham—62.

NOES—Messrs. Bouldin, Davis, George, McKinney, Staples, Tredway, Vermillion and West—8.

The hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, the chair was vacated until 8 o'clock P. M.

————— EVENING SESSION.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill No. 91, entitled an act imposing taxes for the support of government, were taken up.

The 27th amendment being under consideration; Mr. BOULDIN moved to amend the proposed 69th section, contained in the 27th amendment proposed by the senate, by adding thereto, at the close of the portion of the section relating to licenses, the following: "provided, however, that the amount of all taxes imposed by law on the property or capital employed in such trade, business or occupation, shall be deducted from the amount of the license tax imposed by this section."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. McDONALD of Wyoming demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 31, noes 45.

On motion of Mr. ANDERSON of Botetourt, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baskervill, Bigger, Bouldin, Buford, Carpenter, Cazenove, Crockett, Davis, Flood, Gilmer, H. L. Hopkins, James, Kyle, Magruder, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, R. E. Nelson, Newton, Reid, Robertson, Rowan, Rutherfordord, P. Saunders, Staples, Tyler, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Wynne—31.

NOES—Messrs. Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bradford, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coleman, Daniel, Dice, Fleming, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Green, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Laidley, Lundy, Mallory, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, W. G. T. Nelson, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Robinson, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, Woolfolk and Worsham—45.

Mr. BARBOUR moved to amend the amendment of the senate, in the proposed 69th section, by adding thereto, at the close of the portion of the section relating to licenses, the following: "But any tax on the capital invested in the trade or business in respect to which any license is required by this section, shall be deducted from the amount of tax imposed by this section, and the residue should be the tax assessed upon such license."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. BARBOUR demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the proposed 69th section as amended by the house, contained in the 27th amendment of the senate, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 66, noes 12.

AYES—Messrs. F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Dice, Fleming, Forbes, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, W. G. T. Nelson, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherfordord, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wynne—65.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, Baskervill, Bouldin, Cazenove, Davis, Flood, H. L. Hopkins, Newton, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders and Tyler—12.

The 69th section proposed by the senate, as amended by the house, is as follows:

Licenses to miners and manufacturers.

"69. The commissioners of the revenue shall, on or before the 30th day of April 1863, and on or before the 31st day of January in each succeeding year, deliver a certificate of a license, and the tax to be paid therefor, to every person, firm, company or corporation, for the privilege of carrying on any of the occupations following, viz:

Mining for coal, iron, or other ores and minerals, and the sale of the products thereof.

The manufacture and sale of salt, iron and other metals, and the sale of salt water and copperas.

The manufacture and sale of cotton and woollen fabrics made by the use of machinery worked by steam or water power.

The manufacture and sale of paper of all kinds.

The manufacture and sale of leather.

The manufacture and sale of boots, shoes, and the like.

The manufacture and sale of flour from grain not raised nor received as toll for grinding by the miller.

The said licenses shall terminate on the 31st day of January 1864.

Any person, firm, company or corporation carrying on any such occupation after the 30th day of April 1863, without having first obtained a license therefor, shall forfeit, for each day it may be done, not less than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars; to be recovered by motion in the circuit court of the county wherein the offence shall be committed, or in the circuit court for the city of Richmond: provided, that a mechanic who manufactures boots and shoes, and sells the articles of his manufacture only to persons for their own use and consumption, shall not be required to obtain a license under this act.

When the business for which a license issues under this section shall have been carried on during the year ending on the 31st of January 1863, by the person, firm, company or corporation obtaining it, or by any other person, firm, company or corporation, at the place or on the property where it shall be licensed for the coming year, the commissioner of the revenue shall assess the tax upon such license at ten per centum upon so much of the net profits of the business during the year so ending on the 31st of January 1863, as exceeds three thousand dollars; and if the business has only been carried on for a part of the year preceding the said 31st day of January 1863, then the commissioner shall ascertain the net profits, by adopting the same for such part of the year as a basis for ascertaining the same for the entire year.

When the person, firm, company or corporation, obtaining a license under this section, is commencing business, and no other person, firm, company or corporation has carried on business for the year ending January 31st, 1863, as aforesaid, the commissioner of the revenue shall assess the tax on such license at one per centum upon the present value of the real and personal property, including capital employed in the business so to be commenced, and shall take an obligation from the licensed person, firm, company or corporation, with approved security, covenanting to pay into the treasury, at the end of the license year, ten per centum upon the net profits of the business during the said license year, less the tax of one per centum to be assessed as aforesaid at the time of, and to be paid before the granting of said license; but any tax on the capital invested in the trade or business in respect to which any license is required by this section, shall be deducted from the amount of tax imposed by this section, and the residue shall be the tax assessed upon such license.

The commissioner of the revenue shall return all such obligations to the auditor of public accounts, within thirty days after they may be executed, and for failure so to do, shall forfeit the sum of five hundred dollars.

At the close of the license year the auditor shall proceed against the parties to said obligations, in the circuit court of Richmond city, in the same manner as provided for against defaulting collectors of the public revenue, and shall be entitled to recover the amount of the tax thereby covenanted to be paid into the treasury as aforesaid.

The certificate by the commissioner of the revenue of the tax to be paid, and that the obligation required in the cases aforesaid has

been duly executed, with the receipt of the tax by the collecting officer, shall be deemed to constitute a license under this section.

If any person, firm, company or corporation shall, without obtaining the license hereby required, carry on any business herein mentioned, the commissioner of the revenue shall, as in other cases, assess four times the tax prescribed by this section against such person, firm, company or corporation.

The auditor shall, for good cause to him shown, have full power to reform any assessment under this section, and to require a new obligation, with additional security, where the original is deemed insufficient, and may appoint a special agent to make a new assessment and take a new obligation; and thereupon the original assessment shall be set aside, and the license granted shall cease.

If the commissioner of the revenue shall make a false certificate, or take an insufficient obligation in the cases required, he and his sureties shall be liable for all loss and damage therefrom on his official bond, and the recovery against him shall not be limited by the penalty thereof: provided, that no person, firm, company or corporation engaged in any business, trade or calling embraced in this section, shall be taxed under the section of this act imposing a tax of ten per centum upon net income."

The twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth amendments of the senate were agreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the thirty-first amendment of the senate, which was to strike out the 92d section of the bill, which is as follows:

Commissions to sheriffs and collectors.

"92. The fifty-sixth section of chapter thirty-eight of the Code (edition of 1860) is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

'§ 56. Every sheriff, or person receiving taxes on licenses under this chapter, shall be allowed a commission of one per centum for their collection on the first five thousand dollars, and one-half of one per centum upon any excess over that sum; and if he shall punctually pay the same into the treasury within the time prescribed by law, he shall be allowed an additional compensation of one per centum on the first five thousand dollars, and of one-half of one per centum on any excess over that sum.'"

MR. BARBOUR moved to disagree to the senate's amendment; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the thirty-second amendment of the senate, which is as follows:

"Insert the following as independent sections, to come in before section 95:

'90. The act entitled an act authorizing the receipt of Confederate States treasury notes in payment of taxes and other public dues, passed March 22d, 1862, be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Confederate States non-interest bearing notes of the denomination of, or over five dollars, dated and issued on and after the first day of April 1863, shall hereafter be receivable in payment of taxes and other public dues to the state.

'91. The auditor of public accounts shall cause the preceding section to be published in at least five newspapers in the city of Richmond, and in the papers of the cities of Lynchburg and Petersburg, and in the towns of Danville, Staunton and Wytheville, for at least four weeks.

When taxes may be distrained for.

'92. The fourth section of chapter 36 of the Code, edition of 1860, shall be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

No distress shall be made for taxes or levies, where the sheriff or collector has had more than two years to collect the same, unless it be for taxes returned delinquent, and sent out by the auditor for collection, as provided by law. But a sheriff or collector of a former term may, notwithstanding the expiration of his term of office, by himself or by his deputies, have the same powers of distress and sale as he possessed before said term expired; and which right of distress and sale shall continue for the term of two years from the time such right first accrued; but no deputy shall be permitted to qualify for such collections after the principal's office has expired. And it shall be lawful for a sheriff or collector to receipt for, and collect by distress, within said two years, any taxes or fees remaining unpaid to his predecessor. Such sheriff shall be liable to his predecessor, or his personal representative, for the taxes and fees collected, in the same manner he is liable for clerks' fees collected by him.

Commissioners to ascertain the number, &c. of all slaves that escape to the enemy.

'93. Commissioners of the revenue for each district, in taking lists of the personal property in the several counties, cities and towns of this commonwealth, shall enquire into and ascertain, as far as practicable, the number of all slaves that have escaped to the enemy during this war, and have not been recovered, and make a return of such lists to the auditor of public accounts, with the names, sexes and ages of such slaves, and the names of the owners thereof; to be filed and preserved in the office of said auditor.

'94. That no license under this act shall be issued to any alien, except as provided in the act passed March 31, 1862, entitled an act defining the persons who may obtain license, and except as to such aliens as shall not, on account of being aliens, have claimed exemption from service in the army of the Confederate States.' "

On motion, the question was divided; and the question being on agreeing to the 90th section, was put, and decided in the negative.

The question being on agreeing to the proposed 91st section, was put, and decided in the negative.

The question being on agreeing to the proposed 92d section, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the proposed 93d section, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the proposed 94th section, Mr. AMBERS moved to amend the same, by adding thereto the following: "and no alien who has claimed exemption, as such, from service in the army of the Confederate States, shall act as agent for any citizen of the state licensed under this act;" and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the proposed 94th section as amended, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate to the senate the action of the house of delegates in relation to the amendments proposed by the senate to house bill No. 91, entitled an act imposing taxes for the support of government, and respectfully request their concurrence.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. ROBERTSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to a report and resolutions of the committee on confederate relations of that body, relative to the sequestration of lands in Virginia: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

Mr. NEWTON, from the committee of conference in relation to the matters of disagreement between the two houses in relation to a resolution authorizing and directing the governor to transfer the prisoners, captured by the state line, to the confederate government, presented a report.

Mr. TOMLIN, from the joint committee in relation to a supply of salt, presented the following resolution; which, on his motion, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed:

Resolved by the general assembly, that the contract entered into on the 25th of March 1863, between Robert A. Coghill, chairman of the committee of the senate of Virginia, and Harrison B. Tomlin, chairman of the committee of the house of delegates of Virginia, the two committees constituting a joint committee of the general assembly on the subject of a supply of salt, and Stuart, Buchanan & Co., in the following words and figures:

Articles of agreement, made this 25th day of March 1863, between Robert A. Coghill, chairman of the committee appointed by the senate of Virginia, and Harrison B. Tomlin, chairman of the committee appointed by the house of delegates of Virginia, the two committees constituting a joint committee of the general assembly of Virginia on the subject of a supply of salt, and acting as such, for and on behalf of the commonwealth, of the first part, and Stuart, Buchanan & Co. of the second part:

Witnesseth, that the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. do propose, without the right to retract or withdraw the same, the following terms for the lease and sale of certain real and personal property necessary for the production of salt for the people of this commonwealth, and the parties of the first part do accept the same on behalf of the said joint committee—but their action shall not be binding on the said commonwealth, unless this agreement shall be ratified and confirmed by the general assembly of Virginia, at its present session:

The said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. agree to lease to the commonwealth, for the term of one year, fully to be completed, commencing on the first day of April 1863, and ending one year thereafter, or after the day on which possession is actually given, the following property, viz:

1. A portion, from one hundred to two hundred acres, convenient to the "river works," of a certain tract of land, known as the "Preston estate," for agricultural purposes; which is to be laid off by the arbitrators hereafter provided for.

2. The ten furnaces, counting the double furnace as two, four of which are now

leased and operated by Friend, Clarkson, Kelley & Gardner, and four known as the "river works," including the conduits, fixtures, tools used in connection with said furnaces, the dwelling houses and stables at the "river works," and all stables and out houses at the upper works, under the control of Stuart, Buchanan & Co. And the said commonwealth shall have the privilege of cutting, quarrying and carrying away from any of the lands owned by Palmer and Stuart, outside of the Preston and King estates, or either of them, stone, wood and timber, and an equal right with the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. under their lease, to cut, quarry and remove stone, wood and timber from the King estate and the Preston estate; but the lease of the four furnaces now held by Friend, Clarkson, Kelley & Gardner is subject to the contract of lease between them and Stuart, Buchanan & Co.: and the state assumes the position of said lessors as to said lease.

Said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. also bind themselves to pump to the surface and furnish to the commonwealth, salt water sufficient to supply and to keep in continued operation the said ten furnaces, to their full boiling capacity; and this stipulation means and intends that said supply of brine to the said ten furnaces is to be prior to any other supply to be furnished to any other contracting party, and prior to any right of user of brine by said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. But it is expressly agreed by the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. that the commonwealth may lease or transfer to any other person the property and privileges hereby intended to be leased or conveyed, and that the sub-lessees or transferees shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges hereby conveyed to the commonwealth.

Said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. agree to sell and deliver to the commonwealth one-half of all the wagons, harness, horses, mules, sacks, provisions, forage and other personal property owned by them, and needful for the manufacture and distribution of salt; also, one-half of all the wood now cut and in their possession, or contracted for and cut, and intended to be used by them for the manufacture of salt; also, to deliver to the commonwealth all the slaves of Col. J. N. Clarkson, hired by them, and one-half of all other slaves hired by them, at the same rate of hire, for the residue of the year, at which they the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. have hired them; and the commonwealth agrees to assume all their liabilities as to said slaves.

It is further agreed, that said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. shall allow to said commonwealth good and convenient ways to and from said furnaces, together with wood yards and other appurtenances, affording ample space for conveniently operating said ten furnaces.

And the said parties of the first and of the second parts, being unable to agree upon the price to be paid by the commonwealth for the foregoing lease and purchase and other privileges, do hereby mutually agree that the same shall be submitted to the arbitrament and award of three disinterested citizens of the commonwealth, or a majority of them, one of whom shall be chosen by the commonwealth or her authorized agent, and one by the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co., and the two so chosen to select a third; and if any of the said arbitrators should die, fail or decline to act, his place shall be supplied in the manner in which he was originally selected.

And the parties of the first part agree that the sum thus ascertained by the said board (each one of whom shall be sworn before proceeding to act), shall be paid, in confederate currency, to the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co., whenever the value is so ascertained and possession delivered; and they, the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co., do agree to receive the same in full discharge of this contract by the commonwealth: but the commonwealth reserves the right to impress the whole of the property hereby intended to be conveyed, if the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. shall not in good faith execute this contract in all its parts.

Witness the following signatures:

R. A. COGHILL,

Chairman of Senate Committee.

H. B. TOMLIN,

Chairman of House Committee.

—be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed.

On motion of Mr. CARPENTER, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 8 o'clock P. M.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1863.

A message from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE, March 26, 1863.

The senate have agreed to the amendment of the house of delegates to joint resolutions expressing the high appreciation of the general assembly, of the patriotic fortitude and devotion displayed by the women of Virginia, from the commencement of the present war, &c.

They have agreed to the amendments proposed by the house of delegates to senate bill entitled an act concerning officers of the state who have taken an oath to support an usurped government within the limits of this state, No. 23.

They have agreed to a resolution to print the act providing for voting by soldiers and refugees, together with sections of the ordinance mentioned therein.

They have passed house bill entitled:

An act increasing the compensation of the interior guard at the penitentiary, No. 122.

They have passed bill entitled:

An act declaring what contracts shall be payable in currency, No. 61.

In which bill they respectfully request the concurrence of the house of delegates.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill No. 109, entitled an act to amend the 3d and 4th sections of the act to authorize the Upper Appomattox company to enlarge their capital stock, and for other purposes, were taken up and agreed to.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

No. 61. A senate bill entitled an act declaring what contracts shall be payable in currency, was read a first and second times, amended, and as amended, read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? Mr. MALLORY demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 41, noes 38.

On motion of Mr. McDONALD of Hampshire, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Baskervill, Bass, Boul-din, Buford, Crockett, Dabney, Daniel, Dice, Flood, Fry, Gatewood, George, Haymond, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Magruder, Marye, McCamant, McKinney, Montague, W. G. T. Nelson, Noland, Orgain, Pitman, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, Sherrard, Vaden, Ward, West, Williams, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wynne—41.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Barbour, Bradford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Davis, Edmunds, Fleming, Franklin, Gilmer, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Jones, Laidley, Lundy, Mallory, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, Newton, Phelps, Powell, Prince, Reid, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Vermillion, Welsh, J. L. Wilson and S. M. Wilson—38.

Ordered, that the clerk communicate the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

A joint resolution from the senate directing the publication of an

act providing for voting by soldiers and refugees, together with copies of the sections of the ordinance therein mentioned, was agreed to—Ayes 78.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Clarke, Coleman, Crockett, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, Mallory, Marye, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tyler, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Worsham—78.

No. 147. A bill to suppress speculation in food; was taken up, on motion of Mr. CARTER of Lancaster, and read a second time. Mr. PRINCE moved the indefinite postponement of the bill; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative—Ayes 10, noes 62.

On motion of Mr. BUFORD, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Bigger, Cazenove, Green, Hunter, A. W. McDonald, Robertson, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Tyler and Wynne—10.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Baker, Bass, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Coleman, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Flood, Fry, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Haymond, H. L. Hopkins, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Magruder, Mayo, McCamant, McKinney, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, West, J. L. Wilson, Woolfolk and Worsham—62.

On motion, the bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. CARTER of Lancaster, the report of the committee of conference on the matters of disagreement between the two houses, in relation to the resolution directing the governor to transfer the prisoners captured by the state line, was taken up and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. CARPENTER, the house adjourned until tomorrow, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1863.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Doggett of the Methodist church.

A report and resolutions of the committee on confederate relations of the senate, in relation to the right of the confederate government to sequester lands in the limits of a state, were taken up.

Mr. HUNTER moved to lay the report and resolutions on the table; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put—and it appearing that no quorum voted,

Mr. BARBOUR moved a call of the house, and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The roll was then called, when the following delegates were noted as absent:

Messrs. J. T. Anderson, F. T. Anderson, Bailey, Baskervill, Bayse, Bigger, Booton, Bouldin, Brooks, Buford, Burks, Cazenove, Cecil, Coffman, Custis, Dabney, Dunn, Eggleston, Evans, Ewing, Fletcher, Forbes, Fulton, Gillespie, Grattan, Harrison, James, Jones, Lively, Lockridge, Lynn, Mallory, Marye, Mathews, McKinney, McLaughlin, W. G. T. Nelson, Powell, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, Shannon, Small, Spady, Staples, F. G. Taylor, Thrash, Vaden, Walker, Ward, Woodhouse, Woolfolk, Wootten and Wright.

A quorum appearing,

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, farther proceedings under the call were dispensed with—

The question being on agreeing to the motion submitted by Mr. HUNTER, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

No. 132. An engrossed bill to amend and re-enact the 16th section of the 14th chapter of the Code of Virginia, was taken up, on motion of Mr. BASS, and read a third time.

Mr. MARYE submitted the following rider :

“ Provided, that the compensation for services herein before presented, shall remain and be payable until the expiration of one year after the ratification of a treaty of peace between the Confederate States and the United States, and no longer;” which was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed—Ayes 68, noes 17.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Bass, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Magruder, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tyler, Vaden, Welsh, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Worsham and Wynne—68.

NOES—Messrs. Baker, Barbour, Crockett, Edmunds, Fry, George, Green, Johnson, Kyle, Lundy, Mallory, Staples, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion, West and Woolfolk—17.

The title was then amended so as to read as follows :

“ An act to amend and re-enact the 16th and 18th sections of the 14th chapter of the Code of Virginia, so as to increase the salaries of certain officers of the penitentiary.”

Ordered, that Mr. Bass carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. COGHILL, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed senate bill entitled an act to provide for the production of salt, No. 115, and had agreed to a resolution confirming the contract with Stuart, Buchanan & Co.: in which bill and resolution they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. ROBERTSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the amendment proposed by the house of delegates to bill entitled an act declaring what contracts shall be payable in currency, No. 61, with an amendment thereto: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

Mr. HUNTT, from the committee on enrolled bills, presented the following report :

The committee on enrolled bills having examined sundry such

bills, and finding them correctly enrolled, report them for further examination.

Ordered, that Mr. WYNNE carry the same to the senate for further examination.

The amendments proposed by the senate to house bill entitled an act appropriating the public revenue for the fiscal year 1862-63, were taken up.

The 1st, 2d and 3d amendments were agreed to.

The 4th and 5th amendments were disagreed to.

The question being on agreeing to the 6th amendment, which is as follows:

To pay Patrick Keene, a reporter to the secret debates of the convention, upon the certificate of the secretary thereof, as ordered by the convention, three hundred dollars."

Mr. WYNNE moved to amend the amendment, by inserting at the end thereof the following:

"To pay Messrs. Hoyer & Ludwig, for engraving and printing two hundred copies of the ordinance of secession, three hundred and ninety dollars."

The question being on agreeing to the amendment as amended, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 81.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coleman, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Robertson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wynne—81.

The question being on agreeing to the 7th amendment of the senate, which is as follows:

"To pay J. D. Pendleton and John Burwell, for clerical services rendered the senate during the indisposition of the clerk of the senate at the present session, sixty dollars each"—

—was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 80.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Crockett, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Jones, Kaufman, Kyle, Lundy, Mallory, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Prince, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Vermillion, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wynne—80.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. BRANNON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the amendments proposed by the house of delegates to the amendments proposed by the senate, and had receded from the amendments disagreed to by the house of delegates.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. DICKINSON, the senator from Prince Edward, who informed the house of delegates

that the senate had on its part agreed to the report of the committee of conference in relation to the matters of disagreement between the two houses in reference to the joint resolution authorizing and directing the governor to deliver to the confederate government certain prisoners, &c.

The resolution as agreed to, is as follows:

“Resolved by the general assembly, that the governor be authorized and directed to transfer to the confederate government all the prisoners held by the state, mentioned in his communication of the day of _____, to be exchanged for Confederate States prisoners held by the United States government, except the prisoners who are detained as hostages for the release of Col. Zarvona, Capt. Duskey and Lieut. Varner; and that he be authorized and requested to deliver up the said hostages for a similar purpose, as soon as he shall obtain the assurance of the confederate authorities that said hostages will be retained in their present confinement until arrangements are agreed on for the exchange of the prisoners for whose safety they are so held.”

A message was received from the senate by Mr. BRANNON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th amendments proposed by the house of delegates to the amendments proposed by the senate to house bill No. 91, entitled an act imposing taxes for the support of government, and had disagreed to the 5th and 15th amendments of the house of delegates. They insist on their 3d, 4th and 14th amendments to the bill, and recede from their 7th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 20th and 31st amendments; and have adopted a resolution asking for a committee of conference to consider the subjects of disagreement between the two houses.

The resolution asking for a committee of conference was concurred in.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee under the resolution, viz: Messrs. Barbour, Bouldin, Wynne, Magruder and Newton.

Ordered, that Mr. BARBOUR inform the senate thereof.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. LYNCH, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed senate bill entitled an act providing for and regulating the salary of the third clerk in the treasury department, No. 95: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. FRAZIER, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed senate bill entitled an act making an appropriation for the increase of the hospital accommodations of the Virginia military institute: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. BALL, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to a resolution giving authority to justices of the peace, in a certain contingency, to appoint commissioners of election: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

No. 115. A senate bill entitled an act to provide for the distribution of salt, was taken up and read a first and second times.

The bill was then amended, on motion of Mr. HUNTER.

Mr. RICHARDSON submitted an amendment to the bill. Pending the consideration of which,

The hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, the chair was vacated until 8 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. BRANNON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the report of the committee of conference in relation to the matters of disagreement between the two houses in reference to house bill entitled an act imposing taxes for the support of government.

Mr. BARBOUR, from the committee of conference, presented the following report :

The joint committee of conference on the subject of disagreement between the two houses in reference to the bill imposing taxes for the support of government, have, according to order, had the same under consideration, and submit the following recommendations :

1st. That the senate recede from its amendment inserting an independent section in the following words: "No license shall be granted to a married woman," &c., and in lieu thereof insert the following: "No license shall be granted to a married woman, unless she be living separate and apart from her husband, or unless her husband would be entitled to take out a license in his own name."

2nd. That the house of delegates agree to the 32nd amendment of the senate. (This amendment embraces the section authorizing confederate money to be received, &c.)

3rd. That the senate agree to the amendment of the house to the section marked 94. The amendment of the house reads as follows: "no alien," &c.

4th. That the 3rd amendment of the senate be modified so as to read as follows:

"Same section, line 15, strike out all after the word "debtor," and insert the following words: "money and credits in any state of the Confederate States, or in any other country, owned by any resident of this state, shall be listed by such resident, and taxed to him at the rate prescribed by this act. In ascertaining the value of such money or credits, the commissioner shall examine the person on oath, if to be found; if not found, shall assess the same upon the best information he can obtain; and shall add to or deduct the exchange on the value of such money or credits between this state and such state or country where such moneys or credits may be; to be computed as of the 1st of February next preceding."

5th. That the senate recede from its fourth amendment.

6th. That the house of delegates agree to the 14th amendment of the senate.

JNO. BRANNON,

Ch'n Senate Comm'ee.

JAMES BARBOUR,

Ch'n House Comm'ee.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the report was taken up for consideration; and the question being on agreeing to the report of the committee of conference, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 74, noes 9.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Barbour, Baskervill, Bass, Bouldin, Bradford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coleman, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Fleming, Flood, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufinan, Laidley, Magruder, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Reid, Richardson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sheppard, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Vermilion, Welsh, West, Williams, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wynne—74.

NOES—Messrs. Buford, Franklin, George, Hunt, Kyle, Lundy, Mallory, Robertson and Staples—9.

Ordered, that Mr. BARBOUR inform the senate thereof.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. FRAZIER, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a bill amending and re-enacting the 2d and 5th sections of chapter 34 of the Code of Virginia, entitled "Virginia military institute:" in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. WILEY, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed house bills entitled an act to amend and re-enact the 16th and 18th sections of the 14th chapter of the Code of Virginia, so as to increase the salaries of certain officers of the penitentiary, No. 132; and an act for the relief of certain persons engaged in the distillation of fruit, No. 120.

No. 115. A senate bill entitled an act to provide for the production and distribution of salt, was taken up, and further amended.

Mr. NEWTON moved to amend the bill, by striking out all after the words "Be it enacted," and inserting the following:

"By the general assembly, that the contract entered into on the day of between James F. Johnson and B. H. Magruder, on behalf of the minority of the committee of the two houses, of the one part, and Charles Scott & Co. of the other part, in the following words and figures, to wit:

Articles of agreement, made this 9th day of March 1863, between James F. Johnson, one of the committee appointed by the senate of Virginia, and B. H. Magruder, appointed by the house of delegates of Virginia, the two committees constituting a joint committee of the general assembly of Virginia, on the subject of a supply of salt, and acting as such for and on behalf of the said commonwealth, of the first part, and Charles Scott, William A. Stuart, H. C. Boyd, P.

B. Hawkins and George W. Palmer, doing business under the firm of Charles Scott & Co., of the other part:

Witnesseth, that the said Charles Scott & Co. propose, without the right to retract or withdraw the same, the following terms for the production and delivery of salt to the commonwealth of Virginia, and the parties of the first part do accept the same on behalf of the said commonwealth, but their action shall not be binding on the said commonwealth until this agreement shall be ratified and confirmed by the general assembly of Virginia:

The said Charles Scott & Co. on their part covenant and agree to furnish and deliver, in merchantable condition, to such agent or agents as may be appointed on behalf of the commonwealth of Virginia, on or before the 15th day of March 1864, 700,000 bushels of salt, of which 75,000 bushels shall be delivered during each of the eight months next following after the 15th day of March 1863; all of said salt to be delivered daily, as nearly as possible, at the price of two dollars and thirty-three cents per bushel, and to be settled and paid for as follows, to wit: The first installment of salt delivered by the said Charles Scott & Co. under this contract, is to be paid for when the second installment is delivered; and in like manner each installment is to be paid for upon delivery of the next succeeding installment. The said Charles Scott & Co. shall load the said salt upon the rail road cars at Saltville, directed to such points as may be designated by the state, or its authorized agents; all costs and charges of transportation on the cars to be paid for by the state. The said Charles Scott & Co. agree that in case of the ratification of this contract by the general assembly of Virginia, that the members of said firm, within thirty days after such ratification, will execute a bond, with good and sufficient security, in the penalty of \$200,000, to be approved by the judge of any circuit court, conditioned for the faithful performance of this contract.

JAMES F. JOHNSON,
Of the Senate Committee.

B. H. MAGRUDER,
Of the House Committee.

CHARLES SCOTT & Co.

MEMO.—Charles Scott & Co. agree, that in the event the quantity of salt mentioned in the foregoing agreement may be deemed too large or too small, they will furnish any greater or smaller quantity that may be agreed upon by the general assembly, on the terms set forth in the above contract. And they further agree, that in the event the general assembly prefer not to make any contract, they will contract with counties, at any time between this time and the 10th May next, upon the terms aforesaid, to the extent of 35 pounds to each inhabitant, for one year, in monthly installments, or any less quantity, at the option of the county.

CHARLES SCOTT & Co."

—be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed.

2. There shall be elected by the general assembly, at its present session, an officer, to act as superintendent and inspector of salt, whose duty it shall be to receive, inspect and superintend the delivery for distribution (in pursuance of such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the board of public works), the salt stipulated to be delivered under the contract of Charles Scott & Co. He shall enter into bond before the secretary of the commonwealth, or a judge of a circuit court or court of appeals, in a penalty of fifty thousand dollars, with good and sufficient security, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties under this act. He shall receive as compensation for his services, including all incidental expenses of his office and wages of any assistants that he may employ to enable him to discharge his duties, one cent per bushel on all salt so inspected and received for distribution.

3. In case of any vacancy in said office from any cause, it shall be the duty of the board of public works forthwith to fill it.

4. The superintendent and inspector of salt, under the direction of the board of public works, shall have control of the transportation on the several rail roads of the commonwealth, for the distribution of salt throughout the state.

5. The auditor of public accounts shall from time to time issue his warrants on the treasury, upon the certificate of said superintendent and inspector, approved by the board of public works, for such sums as may be due and payable to Charles Scott & Co., in fulfillment of said contract.

6. It shall be the duty of the board of public works to cause to be distributed the salt so delivered and inspected, to the several counties, cities and towns of this commonwealth, through duly accredited agents appointed by the county and corporation courts respectively, for cash, at cost, including transportation and fee for inspection.

7. And to entitle any county, city or town to its quota of salt, or any part thereof, a sum equal to the cost of the same, to be ascertained as aforesaid, shall be deposited by said county, city or town in the treasury, and thereupon the board of public works shall direct the delivery of the salt so paid for, to such county, city or town.

8. The superintendent and inspector of salt shall make monthly reports to the board of public works, and the board shall make quarterly reports to the governor, who shall cause the same, or so much thereof as he shall deem expedient, to be published; and all expenses incurred for transportation, inspection, or otherwise, under this act, shall be paid out of the treasury, in the manner prescribed by law, upon the certificate of the board of public works.

9. If the superintendent and inspector of salt and the board of public works, or a majority of them, have just cause to apprehend the failure of Charles Scott & Co. to fulfill their contract, they shall have power to impress and take possession of the Washington and Smyth county salt works, or so much thereof as they may deem necessary, with the fixtures, slaves, teams, &c. that may be employed therein, and such others as may be necessary, and to work the same

for the purpose of manufacturing salt for the supply of the people of the state as aforesaid.

10. This act shall be in force from its passage.

And the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. McDONALD of Wyoming demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative—Ayes 45, noes 37.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Baskervill, Bass, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, A. L. Carter, Clarke, Coleman, Dabney, Davis, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, George, Gilmer, Green, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, Jordan, Laidley, Magruder, Marye, McKinney, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Reid, Robertson, Ruthertford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, Vermillion, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wynne—45.

NOES—Messrs. Baker, Barbour, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Cowan, Daniel, Edmunds, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, Haymond, Hunter, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Lundy, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, Murdaugh, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Robinson, Rowan, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Welsh, West, Williams and Worsham—37.

The bill as amended was then read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—a majority of the whole house not voting in the affirmative—Ayes 50, noes 32.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Baker, Bass, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, A. L. Carter, Coleman, Dabney, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Fleming, Flood, Garrison, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Jones, Jordan, Laidley, Magruder, Marye, McKinney, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Reid, Robertson, Robinson, Ruthertford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, Tredway, Tyler, Vaden, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wynne—50.

NOES—Messrs. Barbour, Baskervill, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Cowan, Daniel, Franklin, Fry, Gatewood, George, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Lundy, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, Murdaugh, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Rowan, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Vermillion and Welsh—32.

Mr. BASKERVILL moved a suspension of the rule, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the bill as amended was rejected; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question being—Shall the bill pass? Mr. WOOLFOLK moved a suspension of the rule, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the substitute submitted by Mr. NEWTON was agreed to; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. BARBOUR demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the substitute submitted by Mr. NEWTON, Mr. BARBOUR demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative.

The bill as amended by the house, was then read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? was put, and the roll was called, with the following result—Ayes 57, noes 26:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Barbour, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cowan, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Edmunds, Flood, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lundy, Mallory, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Noland, Or-

gain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tredway, Welsh, West, Williams and Woolfolk—57.

NOES—Messrs! Baskervill, Bass, Bouldin, Clarke, Coleman, Dice, Fleming, Franklin, George, Gilmer, Jones, Laidley, Magruder, Montague, Newton, Reid, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Tyler, Vaden, Vermillion, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Worsham and Wynne—26.

A majority of the whole house not having voted in the affirmative, Resolved, that the bill be rejected.

Mr. MAGRUDER moved a suspension of the rule, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question being—Shall the bill pass?

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg, the house adjourned until Monday, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1863.

A communication from the senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

IN SENATE; March 28, 1863.

The committee on enrolled bills of the senate having examined sundry such bills, and found them correctly enrolled, they have been signed by their president, and are now communicated for further signature.

The amendment proposed by the senate to amendment proposed by the house of delegates to

No. 61. A senate bill entitled an act declaring what contracts shall be payable in currency, was taken up, and on motion of Mr. SAUNDERS of Franklin, laid on the table.

No. 101. A senate bill entitled an act amending and re-enacting the second and fifth sections of chapter 34 of the Code of Virginia, entitled "Virginia military institute," was read a first, second and third times and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. COWAN inform the senate thereof.

No. 40. A senate bill entitled an act making an appropriation for the increase of the hospital accommodations of the Virginia military institute, was read a first, second and third times; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? the roll was called, with the following result—Ayes 51, noes 26:

AYES—Messrs. Shaffey (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Bigger, Bouldin, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cecil, Coleman, Cowan, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Fry, Gilmer, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, James, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Magruder, Mayo, McKinney, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Powell, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Robinson, Rowan, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, Tredway, Walker, Welsh, Williams, J. L. Wilson, Worsham and Wynne—51.

NOES—Messrs. Barbour, Bradford, Clarke, Franklin, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Green, Hunter, Hunt, Johnson, Kyle, Laidley, Mallory, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Pitman, Rives, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Vermillion, West and Woolfolk—26.

Resolved, that the bill be rejected.

No. 95. A senate bill entitled an act providing for and regulating the salary of the third clerk in the treasurer's department, was read a first, second and third times, and on motion of Mr. BARBOUR, was laid on the table.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. COGHILL, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed a bill entitled an act amending and re-enacting section 3 of an act passed May 14, 1862, entitled an act to organize a home guard.

The bill was then read a first, second and third times and passed. Ordered, that Mr. GILMER inform the senate thereof.

Mr. RICHARDSON submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, that a special committee of be forthwith appointed, whose duty it shall be to ascertain what members, if any, have contracted with Stuart, Buchanan & Co. or Charles Scott & Co. (pending the consideration of the bill for a supply of salt for the people of the commonwealth), for a supply of salt for themselves or their counties, and report the same at the earliest possible moment to this house—and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. BARBOUR moved as an amendment thereto, that "the house proceed to the consideration of senate bill, entitled an act to provide for the production and distribution of salt, No. 115."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. BARBOUR demanded the previous question; and the question being—Shall the main question be now put? was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 46, noes 44.

On motion of Mr. SAUNDERS of Campbell, the vote was recorded as follows :

AYES—Messrs. Ambers, Barbour, Bradford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Clarke, Coleman, Cowan, Edmunds, Flood, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, Mallory, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, Orgain, Pitman, Powell, Rives, Robinson, Sherrard, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, Welsh, West, Woolfolk and Worsham—46.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Baker, Bass, Bayse, Bigger, Bouldin, Buford, Cazenove, Cecil, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Fleming, Franklin, Gilmer, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, Magruder, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Phelps, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Robertson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Tomlin, Tredway, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Wynne—44.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution as amended, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

No. 115. A senate bill (on its third reading) entitled an act to provide for the production and distribution of salt, was taken up.

Mr. FLOOD moved a suspension of the rule, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to its third reading; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 49, noes 37.

On motion of Mr. FLOOD, the vote was recorded as follows :

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Baker, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, A. L. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coleman, Dabney, Davis, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Garrison, George, Gilmer, Green, J. H. Hopkins, Hunt, Jones, Jordan, Laidley, Magruder, Marye, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Reid, Robertson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wynne—49.

NOES—Messrs. Ambers, Barbour, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Cowan, Daniel, Edmunds, Fry, Gatewood, Haymond, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Lundy, Mallory, McCamant, McLaughlin, Murdagh, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Rives, Robinson, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Tomlin, Ward, Welsh, West and Worsham—37.

Mr. FLOOD moved to amend the bill, by striking out the entire bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“Whereas, by act of the general assembly, passed 9th May 1862, the county courts were authorized to purchase salt for the people: and whereas Charles Scott & Co., on the 9th day of March 1863, in a proposition communicated to this house, did agree, ‘that in the event the general assembly prefer not to make any contract, they will contract with counties to the extent of 35 lbs. to each inhabitant, at the price of two dollars and thirty-three cents per bushel of 50 lbs., delivered at their own expense, in bags or barrels, on the cars at Saltville, subject to inspection;’ which proposition has been renewed through a communication addressed to W. Newton, Esq., a member of the House of delegates, in which they also agree to furnish those counties wherein legal steps have been taken by the courts to contract for salt on account of the actual or apprehended presence of the public enemy, upon satisfactory individual guarantors being tendered in behalf of such counties, and upon the payment of said price per bushel, on delivery of said salt at Saltville: and whereas the general assembly has made no contract for the supply of salt to the state: Therefore,

1. Be it enacted by the general assembly, that in order to facilitate and insure the transportation of the salt for which the counties (or individual guarantors for the same as aforesaid) of this commonwealth may enter into such contracts, the board of public works are hereby authorized and directed to take control of any rail road or canal in this state, so far as may be necessary and proper for the transportation and distribution of said salt, and of salt heretofore contracted for by the counties, cities and towns of the state.

2. If the board of public works shall have good reason to believe at any time that the said Charles Scott & Co. decline to enter into such contracts with the counties (or guarantors for the same) for salt as aforesaid, or that Charles Scott & Co. decline to receive from any county, city or town (or from the guarantors of the same as aforesaid), in payment for the salt purchased by the same, any currency which may be offered to them, receivable at the time in payment of moneys due to the commonwealth, or that having entered into the same, they have failed, or are likely to fail, from inability or otherwise, faithfully to comply with such contracts, then the said board of public works are authorized and required to impress and take possession of the Washington and Smyth county salt works, including the fixtures, machinery, slaves, teams, wagons, &c., or such part thereof as they may deem necessary to operate the same, for the purpose of furnishing to the people of the state an adequate supply of salt, subject to the provisions for such impressment, contained in the act passed October 1st, 1862, entitled an act to provide for the production, distribution and sale of salt in this commonwealth, with full

power to appoint agents and managers, purchase and impress supplies when necessary, and generally to do what may be necessary to secure the production and distribution of the quantity of salt aforesaid.

3. The board of public works shall appoint a superintendent of transportation, who shall reside at Saltville, and whose duty it shall be to attend to the prompt forwarding of salt to the points designated by the county agents, to see that the bags are in good order, of proper weight, and that the salt is in good merchantable condition when shipped, and to give notice to the board of public works, if at any time there should be a failure of Scott & Co. to furnish the salt, or the rail road company to provide transportation, and to discharge such other duties as the board of public works may require of him.

4. The sum of five hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury, upon warrants to be issued by the auditor of public accounts, upon the orders of the board of public works in writing, to be given only in payment of liabilities incurred for the purposes of this act.

5. This act shall be in force from its passage."

The question being on agreeing to the substitute submitted by Mr. FLOOD, Mr. BARBOUR moved to lay the bill and substitute on the table; and the question being on agreeing thereto, Mr. MALLORY demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, was decided in the negative—Ayes 37, noes 51.

On motion of Mr. SAUNDERS of Campbell; the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Barbour, Bradford, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Cowan, Daniel, Fry, Gatewood, George, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Lundy, Mallory, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Walker, Ward, Welsh, Williams and Worsham—37.

NOES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Buford, A. L. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coleman, Dabney, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, Jordan, Laidley, Magruder, Marye, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, F. G. Taylor, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion, West, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Woolfolk—51.

On motion of Mr. HOPKINS of Petersburg,

Resolved, that no debate be entertained by the SPEAKER on the pending subject of salt, nor upon any amendments proposed thereto, but the house shall vote upon every proposition pertaining to the same, without any debate whatever.

The question being on agreeing to the substitute submitted by Mr. FLOOD; was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 53, noes 36.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Isle of Wight, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, A. L. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coleman, Dabney, Davis, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Garrison, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, Jordan, Laidley, Magruder, Marye, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, F. G. Taylor, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wynne—53.

NOES—Messrs. Barbour, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Cowan, Daniel, Edmunds, Fry, Gatewood, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Lundy, Mallory, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Welsh, West and Worsham—36.

The bill as amended was then read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? the roll was called, with the following result—Ayes 60, noes 31.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, A. L. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coleman, Dabney, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Laidley, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Reid, Riddick, Robertson, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, F. G. Taylor, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, West, Williams, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wynne—60.

NOES—Messrs. Barbour, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Cowan, Daniel, Gatewood, George, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kyle, Lundy, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Rives, Robinson, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Welsh and Worsham—31.

A majority of the whole house not having voted in favor of the bill,

Resolved, that the bill be rejected.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. DICKINSON of Prince Edward, informing the house of delegates that the senate had passed bills entitled 'an act requiring sheriffs, sergeants and commissioners to settle their accounts, No. 98; and an act to suspend the payment of the salaries of judges of the commonwealth residing or remaining within portions of the state actually occupied by the enemy, No. 90: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. COGHILL, informing the house of delegates that the senate had passed bill entitled an act to prevent and punish the hoarding of provisions by speculators, No. 106: in which they requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. ARMSTRONG, informing the house of delegates that the senate had passed bill entitled an act to authorize the appointment of inspectors of salt, No. 116: in which they respectfully requested the concurrence of the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. BOULDIN,

Resolved, that a committee be appointed, with leave to report a bill amending and re-enacting the 12th section of the act passed March 13th, 1863, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act further to provide for the public defence, and amending the title of said act.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee: Messrs. Bouldin, Tredway and Davis..

Mr. BARBOUR moved to take up the resolution heretofore communicated from the senate, confirming the contract with Stuart, Buchanan & Co.; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The resolution is as follows :

Resolved by the general assembly, that the contract entered into on the 25th of March 1863, between Robert A. Coghill, chairman of the committee of the senate of Virginia, and Harrison B. Tomlin, chairman of the committee of the house of delegates of Virginia, the two committees constituting a joint committee of the general assembly on the subject of a supply of salt, and Stuart, Buchanan & Co., in the following words and figures :

Articles of agreement, made this 25th day of March 1863, between Robert A. Coghill, chairman of the committee appointed by the senate of Virginia, and Harrison B. Tomlin, chairman of the committee appointed by the house of delegates of Virginia, the two committees constituting a joint committee of the general assembly of Virginia on the subject of a supply of salt, and acting as such, for and on behalf of the commonwealth, of the first part, and Stuart, Buchanan & Co. of the second part :

Witnesseth, that the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. do propose, without the right to retract or withdraw the same, the following terms for the lease and sale of certain real and personal property necessary for the production of salt for the people of this commonwealth, and the parties of the first part do accept the same on behalf of the said joint committee—but their action shall not be binding on the said commonwealth, unless this agreement shall be ratified and confirmed by the general assembly of Virginia, at its present session :

The said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. agree to lease to the commonwealth, for the term of one year, fully to be completed, commencing on the first day of April 1863, and ending one year thereafter, or after the day on which possession is actually given, the following property, viz :

1. A portion, from one hundred to two hundred acres, convenient to the "river works," of a certain tract of land, known as the "Preston estate," for agricultural purposes ; which is to be laid off by the arbitrators hereafter provided for.

2. The ten furnaces, counting the double furnace as two, four of which are now leased and operated by Friend, Clarkson, Kelley & Gardner, and four known as the "river works," including the conduits, fixtures, tools used in connection with said furnaces, the dwelling houses and stables at the "river works," and all stables and out houses at the upper works, under the control of Stuart, Buchanan & Co. And the said commonwealth shall have the privilege of cutting, quarrying and carrying away from any of the lands owned by Palmer and Stuart, outside of the Preston and King estates, or either of them, stone, wood and timber, and an equal right with the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. under their lease, to cut, quarry and remove stone, wood and timber from the King estate and the Preston estate ; but the lease of the four furnaces now held by Friend, Clarkson, Kelley & Gardner is subject to the contract of lease between them and Stuart, Buchanan & Co. : and the state assumes the position of said lessors as to said lease.

Said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. also bind themselves to pump to the surface and furnish to the commonwealth, salt water sufficient to supply and to keep in continued operation the said ten furnaces, to their full boiling capacity ; and this stipulation means and intends that said supply of brine to the said ten furnaces is to be prior to any other supply to be furnished to any other contracting party, and prior to any right of user of brine by said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. But it is expressly agreed by the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. that the commonwealth may lease or transfer to any other person the property and privileges hereby intended to be leased or conveyed, and that the sub-lessees or transferees shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges hereby conveyed to the commonwealth.

Said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. agree to sell and deliver to the commonwealth one-half of all the wagons, harness, horses, mules, sacks, provisions, forage and other personal property owned by them, and needful for the manufacture and distribution of salt ; also, one-half of all the wood now cut and in their possession, or contracted for and cut, and intended to be used by them for the manufacture of salt ; also, to deliver to the commonwealth all the slaves of Col. J. N. Clarkson, hired by them, and one-half of all other slaves hired by them, at the same rate of hire, for the residue of the year, at which they the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. have hired them ; and the commonwealth agrees to assume all their liabilities as to said slaves.

It is further agreed, that said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. shall allow to said com-

monwealth good and convenient ways to and from said furnaces, together with wood yards and other appurtenances, affording ample space for conveniently operating said ten furnaces.

And the said parties of the first and of the second parts, being unable to agree upon the price to be paid by the commonwealth for the foregoing lease and purchase and other privileges, do hereby mutually agree that the same shall be submitted to the arbitrament and award of three disinterested citizens of the commonwealth, or a majority of them, one of whom shall be chosen by the commonwealth or her authorized agent, and one by the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co., and the two so chosen to select a third; and if any of the said arbitrators should die, fail or decline to act, his place shall be supplied in the manner in which he was originally selected.

And the parties of the first part agree that the sum thus ascertained by the said board (each one of whom shall be sworn before proceeding to act), shall be paid, in confederate currency, to the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co., whenever the value is so ascertained and possession delivered; and they, the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co., do agree to receive the same in full discharge of this contract by the commonwealth: but the commonwealth reserves the right to impress the whole of the property hereby intended to be conveyed, if the said Stuart, Buchanan & Co. shall not in good faith execute this contract in all its parts.

Witness the following signatures:

R. A. COGHILL,
Chairman of Senate Committee.

H. B. TOMLIN,
Chairman of House Committee.

STUART, BUCHANAN & Co.

—be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Mr. BUFORD moved to amend the resolution, by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and inserting the following: that a joint committee be appointed, with instructions to report a bill substantially as follows:

"1. Be it enacted by the general assembly, that the proposal of Charles Scott & Co. to furnish salt to the respective counties and corporations of the state, heretofore reported to the two houses by James F. Johnson and B. H. Magruder, on behalf of a minority of a joint committee on the subject of a supply of salt, which proposal is in the following words and figures, to wit:

Articles of agreement, made this 9th day of March 1863, between James F. Johnson, one of the committee appointed by the senate of Virginia, and B. H. Magruder, appointed by the house of delegates of Virginia; the two committees constituting a joint committee of the general assembly of Virginia, on the subject of a supply of salt, and acting as such for and on behalf of the said commonwealth, of the first part, and Charles Scott, William A. Stuart, H. C. Boyd, P. B. Hawkins and George W. Palmer, doing business under the firm of Charles Scott & Co., of the other part:

Witnesseth, that the said Charles Scott and Co. propose, without the right to retract or withdraw the same, the following terms for the production and delivery of salt to the commonwealth of Virginia, and the parties of the first part do accept the same on behalf of the said commonwealth, but their action shall not be binding on the said commonwealth until this agreement shall be ratified and confirmed by the general assembly of Virginia:

The said Charles Scott & Co. on their part covenant and agree to

furnish and deliver, in merchantable condition, to such agent or agents as may be appointed on behalf of the commonwealth of Virginia, on or before the 15th day of March 1864, 700,000 bushels of salt, of which 75,000 bushels shall be delivered during each of the eight months next following after the 15th day of March 1863; all of said salt to be delivered daily, as nearly as possible, at the price of two dollars and thirty-three cents per bushel, and to be settled and paid for as follows, to wit: The first installment of salt delivered by the said Charles Scott & Co. under this contract, is to be paid for when the second installment is delivered; and in like manner each installment is to be paid for upon delivery of the next succeeding installment. The said Charles Scott & Co. shall load the said salt upon the rail road cars at Saltville, directed to such points as may be designated by the state, or its authorized agents; all costs and charges of transportation on the cars to be paid for by the state. The said Charles Scott & Co. agree that in case of the ratification of this contract by the general assembly of Virginia, that the members of said firm, within thirty days after such ratification, will execute a bond, with good and sufficient security, in the penalty of \$200,000, to be approved by the judge of any circuit court, conditioned for the faithful performance of this contract.

JAMES F. JOHNSON,
Of the Senate Committee.

B. H. MAGRUDER,
Of the House Committee.

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MEMO.—Charles Scott & Co. agree, that in the event the quantity of salt mentioned in the foregoing agreement may be deemed too large or too small, they will furnish any greater or smaller quantity that may be agreed upon by the general assembly, on the terms set forth in the above contract. And they further agree, that in the event the general assembly prefer not to make any contract, they will contract with counties, at any time between this time and the 10th May next, upon the terms aforesaid, to the extent of 25 pounds to each inhabitant, for one year, in monthly installments, or any less quantity, at the option of the county.

CHARLES SCOTT & Co.

—be and the same is hereby accepted by the general assembly, for and on behalf of the said counties and corporations, under the conditions and upon the terms herein after provided.

“2. The courts of the respective counties and corporations shall decide, at the April or May terms thereof (1863), whether or not they will accept the said proposal; and those accepting shall, as soon thereafter as practicable, notify said Scott & Co. accordingly. And the said Scott & Co. shall thereupon be bound to furnish such county or corporation so accepting, salt as stipulated in said proposal, or in any contract made under the same.

“3. There shall be appointed by the governor a superintendent

and inspector of salt, who shall reside at Saltville, and whose duty it shall be to inspect all salt furnished by said Scott & Co. under contracts with counties and corporations; see that it is delivered in proper condition for transportation, and provide for its prompt delivery and shipment to the proper destination. He shall give bond with sufficient security, before the judge of any circuit court of the state, in the penalty of _____ dollars, with condition faithfully to perform the duties of his office. He shall be entitled to compensation for his services, including the pay of any assistants or clerks, at the rate of one cent per bushel on all salt inspected and shipped by him; to be paid by the respective counties and corporations, in proportion to the quantity of salt so furnished them. Subject to the direction and control of the governor, he shall have control of the transportation on the several rail roads of the state, so far as may be necessary to secure the due delivery of salt to said counties and corporations under said contracts: and he shall render quarterly yearly statements of his transactions to the governor.

"4. In the event of the failure of the said Scott & Co. promptly to comply with any such contracts for the supply of salt, it shall be the duty of said superintendent and inspector to report such failure at once to the governor, who thereupon, unless sufficient reason for such failure be given, shall be and he is hereby authorized and required from time to time, as often as such failure occurs, to cause to be impressed, of any salt belonging to said Scott & Co., a sufficient quantity to supply such failure, and have the same shipped, under the direction of said superintendent, to the counties or corporations entitled thereto. For all salt so impressed, payment shall be made at the price and upon the terms agreed on in the contract or contracts for failure to comply with which such impressment is made. The price of all salt so impressed, and all expenses attending such impressment, shall be paid by the counties or corporations respectively, for whose benefit any impressment shall be made.

"5. This act shall be in force from its passage."

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the negative.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution of the senate, Mr. BARBOUR demanded the previous question; which was sustained by the house; and being put, the roll was called, with the following result—Ayes 63, noes 25.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Barbour, Bradford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cowan, Dabney, Daniel, Edmunds, Flood, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lundy, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, Sherrard, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tredway, Walker, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, Woolfolk and Worsham—63.

NOES—Messrs. Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Buford, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coleman, Davis, Dice, Fleming, Franklin, Gilmer, Jones, Laidley, Magruder, Montague, Newton, Reid, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Vermillion, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson and Wynne—25.

A majority of the whole house not having voted in favor of the resolution,

Resolved, that the resolution be rejected.

Mr. COLEMAN moved a suspension of the rule, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring on agreeing to the resolution from the senate, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 67, noes 25.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Barbour, Bigger, Bradford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Coleman, Cowan, Dabney, Daniel, Edmunds, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Landy, Mallory, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Rutherford, Sherrard, Staples, F. G. Taylor, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wynne—67.

NOES—Messrs. Bass, Bouldin, Buford, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Davis, Dice, Fleming, Flood, Franklin, Gilmer, Jones, Laidley, Magruder, Montague, Newton, Reid, Riddick, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, J. L. Wilson and S. M. Wilson—25.

Ordered, that the clerk inform the senate thereof.

The SPEAKER laid before the house the following letter from the speaker of the house of representatives of the Confederate States:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 30, 1863.

SIR:

I received, a few days ago, your letter, enclosing a copy of a resolution of the house of delegates, tendering the use of their hall, during their approaching recess, to the house of representatives of the Confederate States. The house of representatives, upon the said papers being laid before them, directed me to express to the house of delegates the high appreciation which we have of the polite courtesy that has been extended to us by the house of delegates.

I deem this occasion a fit one to tender to you assurances of the high consideration in which you are held by

Your obedient servant,

TH. S. BOCKOCK,
Speaker House of Representatives.

HON. H. W. SHEFFEY,
Speaker House of Delegates.

The hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, the chair was vacated until 8 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The SPEAKER laid before the house a communication from the governor, in relation to the case of C. A. J. Collins; which was read, and on motion, laid on the table.

Mr. BOULDIN, from a special committee, presented the following bill:

No. 150. A bill to amend and re-enact the 12th section of an act passed March 13, 1863, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act further to provide for the public defence, passed October 3, 1862, and to amend the title of said act; which was read a first and second times,

two-thirds concurring, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. BOULDIN carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. COGHILL, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed the bill.

On motion of Mr. BARBOUR, the rule was suspended, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the house had rejected

No. 115. A senate bill entitled an act to provide for the production and distribution of salt.

The question being—Shall the bill pass? Mr. GREEN moved a suspension of the rule, with a view to reconsider the vote by which the house had heretofore agreed to the substitute submitted by Mr. FLOOD; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

The question being on agreeing to the substitute, was put, and decided in the negative.

The bill was then amended, on motion of Mr. TOMLIN, by adding to the first section thereof the following: "and that whenever the superintendent shall become interested directly or indirectly in the manufacture or sale of salt, his office shall be declared vacant, and his successor appointed by the board of supervisors."

Mr. BOULDIN moved to amend the bill further, by adding to the amendment the following: "and provided, that the superintendent who shall be elected by the general assembly, shall in no event become interested in the property leased to or purchased by the state as sub-lessee, or sub-contractor or otherwise."

And the question being on agreeing to the amendment, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 57, noes 32.

On motion of Mr. HUNTER, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Baker, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coleman, Custis, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Flood, Franklin, Garrison, Gilmer, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Laidley, Magruder, Marye, Mayo, A. W. McDonald, McKinney, Montague, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Reid, Riddick, Rives, Robertson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, Tomlin, Tredway, Vaden, Vermillion, Walker, Ward, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk and Wynne—57.

NOES—Messrs. Barbour, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Cowan, Edmunds, Fry, Gatewood, George, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kyle, Lundy, Mallory, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Robinson, Rowan, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Welsh, West, Williams and Worsham—32.

The bill was then read a third time; and the question being—Shall the bill pass? was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 69, noes 18.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Baker, Barbour, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Coleman, Cowan, Custis, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Edmunds, Flood, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Lundy, Mallory, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, Rutherford, Sherrard, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tredway, Walker, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wynne—69.

NOES—Messrs. Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Dice, Franklin, George, Jones, Laidley, Montague, Newton, Robinson, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Staples, Vaden, Vermillion, J. L. Wilson and S. M. Wilson—18.

Ordered, that Mr. TOMLIN carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. COGHILL, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to certain amendments proposed by the house of delegates, and had disagreed to certain other amendments to said bill.

On motion of Mr. EDMUNDS, the house receded from its amendments.

Ordered, that Mr. TOMLIN inform the senate thereof.

No. 116. A senate bill entitled an act to authorize the appointment of inspectors of salt, was taken up, read a first and second times, amended, and as amended read a third time and passed—Ayes 77, noes 5.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Coleman, Cowan, Custis, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Flood, Franklin, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Reid, Richardson, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tredway, Vaden, Walker, Ward, Welsh, West, Williams, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wynne—77.

NOES—Messrs. Clarke, George, Robertson, Robinson and Vermillion—5.

Ordered, that Mr. TOMLIN carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. COGHILL, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to certain amendments proposed by the house of delegates, and disagreed to certain others.

On motion, the house receded from the amendments disagreed to by the senate.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. WILEY, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to a resolution for the election of a superintendent of salt, to take place at 11½ o'clock.

The resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, that Mr. BARBOUR inform the senate thereof.

The SPEAKER announced that nominations were in order for the office.

Mr. GEORGE nominated *John N. Clarkson*.

Mr. ROBERTSON nominated *William King*.

Mr. CARTER of Lancaster nominated *C. R. Mason*.

Ordered, that Mr. GEORGE inform the senate that the house was ready on its part to proceed to the election of a superintendent of salt works, and that *Jno. N. Clarkson*, *William King* and *C. R. Mason* were in nomination before that body.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. FRAZIER, who informed the house of delegates that the senate was ready on its part to proceed to the election, and that the name of *Charles B. Fisk* had been added in that body.

The roll was then called, with the following result :

For J. N. Clarkson—Messrs. Ambers, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Bradford, Carpenter, R. H. Carter, Cowan, Custis, Daniel, Edmunds, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, Hunter, Hunt, James, Johnson, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, Mallory, Mayo, McCamant, I. E. McDonald, McLaughlin, Montague, Murdaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Richardson, Rives, Robinson, Rowan, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Welsh, West, J. L. Wilson, Woolfolk and Worsham—53.

For W. King—Messrs. Beauldin, Buford, Cazenove, Cecil, Clarke, Coleman, Davis, Dice, Flood, Franklin, Gilmer, Green, H. L. Hopkins, Jones, Jordan, Magruder, Marye, McKinney, Newton, Robertson, Rutherford, P. Saunders, R. C. Saunders, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion and Ward—27.

For C. R. Mason—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), A. L. Carter, Dabney, Fleming, Riddick, Vaden, Walker, S. M. Wilson and Wynne—9.

For C. B. Fisk—Mr. McDonald of Hampshire—1.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee to meet a committee on the part of the senate, to ascertain the joint vote: Messrs. George, Cazenove, Hunter, Welsh, Robertson, Marye, Wilson of Isle of Wight, Carter of Lancaster, and Walker.

Subsequently, Mr. GEORGE, from the committee, presented the following report:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	121
Necessary to a choice,	-	-	61
Of which J. N. Clarkson received	-	-	73
W. King	"	-	31
C. R. Mason	"	-	11
C. B. Fisk	"	-	6

John N. Clarkson, Esq. having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected superintendent of salt works.

On motion of Mr. MALLORY,

Resolved, that the thanks of this house are due, and are hereby tendered to HUGH W. SHEFFEY, for the dignity, ability and impartiality with which he has discharged the duties of speaker of this house.

On motion of Mr. TREDWAY,

Resolved, that the thanks of this house are due, and are hereby tendered to WILLIAM F. GORDON, JR., clerk of the house, for the ability and courtesy with which he has discharged his duties.

On motion of Mr. GREEN,

Resolved, that the thanks of this house be tendered to Robert W. Burke, sergeant at arms, and to William H. Freeman and George W. Wilson, jr., doorkeepers of this house, for the prompt and efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective offices.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON,

Resolved, that the thanks of this house be tendered to the pages, S. Collier, David Drummond, Frank J. Davis and Oliver Baldwin.

On motion of Mr. WORSHAM,

Resolved, that the thanks of this house are hereby tendered to the various ministers of the gospel of this city, who have officiated in their ministerial capacity.

On motion of Mr. HAYMOND,

Resolved, that the various messages of the governor, delivered in

secret session or otherwise, to this house, be published, under the direction of the clerk of the house of delegates, that they may be bound with the other public documents, except those from which the injunction of secrecy have not been removed.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. JOHNSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed the following resolution :

Resolved, by the general assembly, that the present session of the general assembly be extended until the 31st instant.

The resolution was taken up, and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative—Ayes 81, noes 5.

AYES—Messrs. Sheffey (speaker), Ambers, Baker, Barbour, Bass, Bigger, Bouldin, Bradford, Buford, Carpenter, A. L. Carter, R. H. Carter, Cazenove, Cecil, Coleman, Cowan, Custis, Dabney, Daniel, Davis, Dice, Edmunds, Fleming, Flood, Fry, Garrison, Gatewood, George, Gilmer, Green, Haymond, J. H. Hopkins, H. L. Hopkins, Hunter, James, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kaufman, Kyle, Laidley, Lundy, Magruder, Mallory, Marye, Mayo, McCamant, A. W. McDonald, I. E. McDonald, McKinney, McLaughlin, Montague, Murchaugh, R. E. Nelson, W. G. T. Nelson, Newton, Noland, Orgain, Phelps, Pitman, Powell, Riddick, Rives, Rowan, Rutherford, P. Saunders, Sherrard, Staples, R. F. Taylor, Thomas, Tomlin, Tredway, Vermillion, Walker, Welsh, West, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Wilson, Woolfolk, Worsham and Wynne—81.

NOES—Messrs. Clarke, Franklin, Robinson, R. C. Saunders and Vaden—5.

Ordered, that Mr. BARBOUR inform the senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. COLEMAN, the house adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1863.

On motion of Mr. PHELPS,

Resolved, that leave be given to bring in a bill amending and re-enacting the 1st section of an act entitled an act incorporating the Ritchie coal oil company, in the county of Ritchie.

The SPEAKER announced the following committee: Messrs. Phelps, Cowan, and Hopkins of Rockingham.

Subsequently, Mr. PHELPS, from the committee, presented the following bill :

No. 151. A bill to amend and re-enact the 1st section of an act incorporating the Ritchie coal oil company, in the county of Ritchie; which was read a first time, and two-thirds concurring, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time; and being forthwith engrossed, two-thirds concurring, was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that Mr. MAGRUDER carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. NEWMAN, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had passed the bill.

Mr. WYNNE submitted the following resolution; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative:

Resolved by the general assembly, that section of the act imposing taxes for the support of government, which reads as follows: "No license shall be construed to grant any privilege beyond the county or corporation wherein it is granted, unless it be expressly authorized," does not refer to telegraph companies whose lines run through more than one county or corporation.

Ordered, that Mr. MAGRUDER carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Mr. MAGRUDER submitted the following resolution; and the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative:

Resolved by the general assembly, that in giving the board of public works control over the rail roads and canals, for the transportation of salt to be furnished pursuant to the act passed 30th March 1863, it is likewise the design of the general assembly that they should exercise like control over said roads and canals for the transportation of salt due or becoming due under the contracts with the counties.

Ordered, that Mr. MAGRUDER carry the same to the senate, and request their concurrence.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. COGHILL, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the resolution.

Mr. ROBERTSON submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the general assembly, that the auditor henceforth accompany his biennial report with the outline of a tax bill, showing

1. The aggregate amount of revenue proposed to be raised thereby.
2. The estimated amount of revenue expected to be yielded by every separate subject of taxation, and each different class of tax payers, with the principle and reasons on which the same is proposed to be levied.

3. Any recommendations of new subjects of taxation, or any suggestions on the general subject, which he may deem appropriate.

And the question being on agreeing thereto, was put, and decided in the affirmative.

Subsequently, a message was received from the senate by Mr. COGHILL, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to the resolution.

A message was received from the senate by Mr. THOMPSON, who informed the house of delegates that the senate had agreed to a preamble and resolutions advising the people of the commonwealth in relation to the increase and preservation of certain agricultural products and supplies.

On motion of Mr. BASKERVILL,

Resolved, that the clerk request the papers of the city to publish the foregoing preamble and resolutions.

The SPEAKER proceeded to sign the following enrolled bills:

An act making an appropriation for the Central lunatic asylum.

An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to prevent the unnecessary consump-

tion of grain by distillers, and other manufacturers of spirituous and malt liquors, passed October 2d, 1862.

An act to amend the 43d and 44th sections of chapter 87. of the Code, so as to increase the fees of tobacco inspectors.

An act refunding to William M. Hume, sheriff of Fauquier county, damages paid by him as such.

An act to incorporate the Richmond New bridge turnpike company, in the county of Henrico.

An act to incorporate the Farmville insurance company.

An act authorizing the county court of Henrico to establish a public pound.

An act to enlarge the powers of the council of the city of Lynchburg.

An act incorporating the Insurance and savings society of Petersburg.

An act for the improvement of the north fork of Holston river, in the county of Smyth.

An act to provide against the forfeiture of compensation to fiduciaries in certain cases.

An act to amend and re-enact section 41, chapter 58 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, so as to authorize banks to increase their contingent funds.

An act establishing an election precinct at Mill swamp meeting house, in the county of Isle of Wight.

An act authorizing the personal representatives of John M. Alderson deceased, to deliver certain militia fines to the sheriff of Greenbrier county.

An act to amend and re-enact the 12th section of chapter 20 of the Code of Virginia, so as to compensate the printer to the senate for printing and binding the journals of the senate at extra sessions.

An act authorizing the branch of the Exchange Bank of Virginia at Richmond to declare a dividend.

An act authorizing the court of appeals to hold its sessions at other places than Lewisburg.

An act allowing the Lynchburg, Franklin, Citizens and Washington building fund associations to purchase their stock.

An act amending and re-enacting the 4th section of an act passed 22d January 1862, entitled an act to authorize the establishment of a military school as a part of the instruction of Randolph Macon college.

An act to provide for an inspection of flour in the town of Danville.

An act authorizing the sale, by the county court, of the district schoolhouses, and the lots of land thereto attached, in the county of Henry.

An act to provide for the election of county officers in certain cases.

An act amending and re-enacting the fifth and sixth sections of the act passed March 13, 1862, entitled an act to convert the Northwestern Bank of Virginia at Jeffersonville into a separate and independent bank.

An act authorizing the payment of interest on bonds given for the Confederate States war tax, after the day of payment.

An act incorporating the Confederate manufacturing company at Scottsville, Virginia.

An act to amend the charter of the Bank of Rockingham.

An act amending and re-enacting the 19th section of chapter 61 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860, so as to require rail road companies to give receipts showing the weights for freights.

An act incorporating the Submarine battery joint stock company.

An act to establish an inspection of tobacco at Keen's warehouse, in the town of Danville.

An act establishing an agency in the city of Richmond, for receiving and forwarding clothing, shoes and other supplies to Virginia soldiers.

An act authorizing fiduciaries to invest funds in their hands in certain cases, and for other purposes.

An act to secure representation in the general assembly for senatorial districts, counties, cities and election districts within the power of the public enemy.

An act for the relief of the clerk of the hustings court of the city of Richmond.

An act to amend the twelfth section of chapter ten of the Code of Virginia, so as to extend the time for filing complaint in cases of contested elections.

An act to authorize the Bank of Rockingham to increase its contingent fund.

An act to authorize town councils and county courts to condemn land for hospital purposes.

An act to refund money received for exemption from military duty.

An act to amend and re-enact the first section of an act entitled an act to refund money received for exemption from military duty, passed January 19th, 1863.

An act amending and re-enacting the first and second sections of an act entitled an act to repeal the fence law of Virginia as to certain counties, and to authorize the county courts to dispense with enclosures in other counties, passed October 3d, 1862, and to legalize the action of county courts held under said law.

An act to amend the 39th section of chapter 184 of the Code of Virginia, so as to increase the compensation of clerks of courts for public services.

An act concerning bonds of sheriffs.

An act for the relief of the securities of William Paris, late sheriff of Appomattox county.

An act to provide for the discharge from active military service, of persons who have furnished substitutes.

An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to B. B. and J. W. Cooley, for a slave condemned to be hung.

An act to legalize the records, proceedings and acts of the county court of Spotsylvania county, at the terms of said court held during the year 1862, at places in the said county other than the courthouse thereof.

An act to transfer the state troops and rangers to the confederate government.

An act to enlarge the powers of the circuit courts of the several counties and corporations, in cases of attachments against non-residents.

An act to amend and re-enact section 12 of an act passed March 29th, 1861, incorporating the Rockbridge insurance company.

An act to incorporate the Southern female college of the city of Petersburg.

An act to amend the 15th section of chapter 23 of the Code, so as to allow but one major to each regiment.

An act to enlarge the power of special terms of circuit courts in certain cases.

An act for the relief of Thomas Littleton, jailor of Loudoun county.

An act amending an act entitled an act for the relief of the securities of William Paris, late sheriff of Appomattox county, passed January 31, 1863.

An act to incorporate the Richmond importing and exporting company.

An act changing the times of holding the circuit courts of the fourteenth judicial circuit.

An act to enlarge the powers of the common council of the city of Richmond.

An act for the relief of the sergeant of the city of Richmond and the sergeant of the city of Petersburg.

An act to amend the second section of an act concerning the estate of John Haskins, senior, a lunatic, passed January 24th, 1839.

An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend section 11 of chapter 29 of the Code, so as to exempt the property of persons in the military service of the state from distress for rent payable in money, passed February 19th, 1862.

An act authorizing the sale of the Roanoke valley rail road.

An act to amend and re-enact section twenty-two of chapter one hundred and eight of the Code of Virginia, edition of eighteen hundred and sixty.

An act to incorporate the Prospect tan-yard company in the county of Prince Edward.

An act allowing Sarah T. Thornton to remove certain slaves from this state to the state of North Carolina.

An act to authorize the transfer and issue of new certificates of stock in chartered companies in certain cases.

An act refunding to Samuel E. Lybrook, sheriff of the county of Giles, a certain sum of money.

An act to amend and re-enact section one, chapter fifty-seven of an act passed March 1st, 1861, entitled an act for the relief of the banks of this commonwealth.

An act authorizing the banks of the commonwealth, during the existing war, to convert confederate treasury notes in their possession, into other obligations of the Confederate States.

An act refunding a sum of money to Gordon & Brother, paid by them as a merchant's license in the county of Fluvanna.

An act to extend the time within which to institute proceedings for misdemeanors in counties, cities and towns in possession of, or threatened by the enemy.

An act incorporating the Elk river coal, oil and iron mining and manufacturing company of Kanawha county.

An act to provide representation for the counties where the court-houses are in the possession or power of the public enemy.

An act for the relief of James M. Laidley and Thomas S. A. Matthews.

An act authorizing the auditing board to pay junior majors of militia regiments for service actually performed.

An act to amend the act passed March 10th, 1862, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an ordinance extending the jurisdiction of the county courts in certain cases, passed by the convention on the 26th day of June 1861.

An act incorporating the Confederate express company.

An act to prescribe the mode of ascertaining and certifying elections of delegates and senators during the existing war.

An act to convert into stock, to be held by the state, the interest in arrear due by the South side rail road company to the state.

An act to incorporate the Old Dominion trading company of the city of Richmond.

An act increasing the compensation of clerks of courts during the existing war.

An act amending and re-enacting an ordinance of the convention concerning the aids to the governor.

An act appropriating the public revenue for the fiscal year 1862-63.

An act for the relief of certain persons engaged in the distillation of fruit.

An act to amend the third and fourth sections of the act to authorize the Upper Appomattox company to enlarge their capital stock, and for other purposes.

An act authorizing the erection of a toll bridge over Dan river at Wilson's ferry.

An act to incorporate the Richmond harmonic association.

An act to incorporate the Southwestern insurance company of Abingdon.

An act amending and re-enacting the second and fifth sections of chapter thirty-four of the Code of Virginia, entitled "Virginia military institute."

An act increasing the compensation of the interior guard at the penitentiary.

An act concerning officers of the state who have taken an oath to support an usurped government within the limits of this state.

An act to provide for the production and distribution of salt.

An act to amend an act passed March 5th, 1852, entitled an act to amend the charter of the Albemarle and Nelson mining and smelting company.

An act to authorize the use of the jails of the state by the Confederate States.

An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the Richmond importing and exporting company, passed February 21st, 1863.

An act for the relief of George W. Chambers.

An act authorizing the governor to deliver to B. B. and J. W. Cooley an infant child of a slave named Harriet.

An act to amend and re-enact the first section of an act incorporating the Ritchie coal oil company, in the county of Ritchie.

An act for the relief of George W. Chambers.

An act to limit the production of tobacco and increase the production of grain.

An act to repeal the act passed October 1st, 1862, entitled an act legalizing the manufacture of alcohol.

An act to amend and re-enact an act further to provide for the public defence, passed October 3, 1862.

An act to pay E. W. Canfield and C. D. Bragg, for services as instructors of artillery.

An act to authorize the use of the jails of the state by the Confederate States.

An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the Richmond importing and exporting company, passed February 21st, 1863.

An act to amend and re-enact the first section of an act entitled an act to increase jailors' fees for keeping and supporting prisoners, passed September 24th, 1862.

An act imposing taxes for the support of government.

An act to provide for the production and distribution of salt.

An act to authorize the appointment of an inspector of salt.

An act to amend and re-enact the 12th section of an act passed March 13th, 1863, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act further to provide for the public defence, passed October 3d, 1862, and to amend the title of said act.

On motion of Mr. KAUFMAN,

Resolved, that the thanks of the house be tendered to John T. Cowan, assistant clerk, for the fidelity and courtesy with which he has discharged the duties of his office.

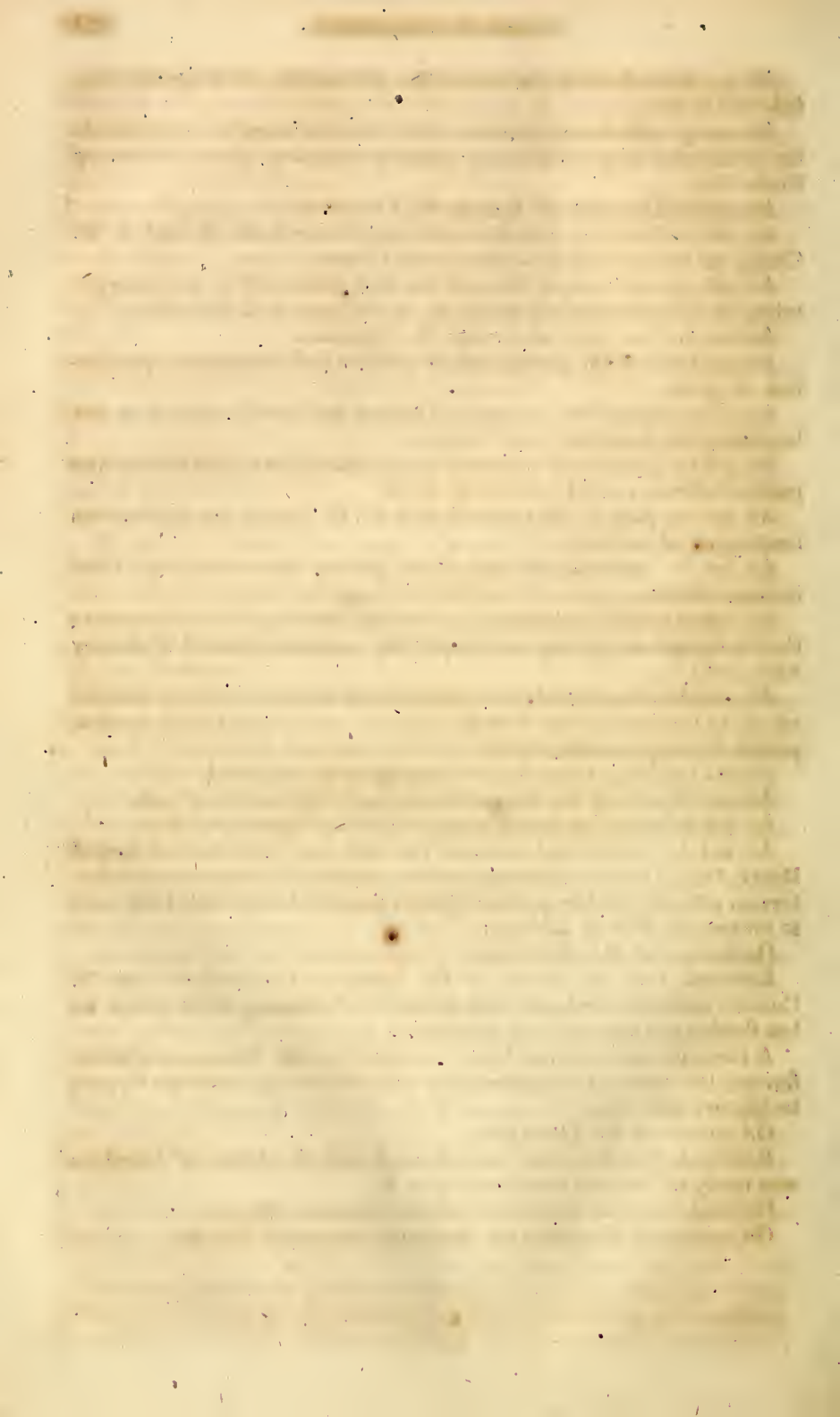
A message was received from the senate by Mr. NEWMAN, who informed the house of delegates that the senate was ready on its part to adjourn sine die.

On motion of Mr. GARRISON,

Resolved, that the senate be informed that the house of delegates was ready on its part to adjourn sine die.

Ordered, that Mr. GARRISON inform the senate thereof.

On motion of Mr. NOLAND, the house adjourned sine die.



MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, 1863.

Accomack, Albemarle,	G. T. Garrison. Frank Minor. ¹ M. L. Anderson. Wm. G. Cazenove.	Frederick,	George W. Ward. M. R. Kaufman. William Eggleston
Alexandria, Alleghany and Bath, Amelia and Nottoway, Amherst. Appomattox, Augusta,	Samuel Carpenter. Richard Irby. Jno. Dudley Davis. Thomas H. Flood. Hugh W. Sheffey. William M. Tate. James Walker. William Johnson. Edw'd C. Burks. Alexander Jordan. Israel Robinson. Adam Small. John T. Anderson. Green-James.	Giles, Gloucester, Goochland, Grayson, Greenbrier, Greensville and Sussex, } Halifax,	William T. Jones. John C. Rutherford. Samuel McCamant. Mason Mathews. Wm. T. Lundy. John R. Edmunds. George H. West.
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Dinwiddie, Elizabeth City, }	James W. Custis. George T. Wright.	Northampton, Orange and Greene, Page,	
Warwick, York & Williamsburg, Essex and King & Queen, }	O. W. Hunt. J. M. Forbes. Richard Payne. ³ John J. Coleman. Valentine Thrash. R. E. Nelson. Peter Saunders, jr. Andrew Brooks.		
Fairfax, Fauquier,			
Fayette and Raleigh, Floyd, Fluvanna, Franklin,			

¹ Resigned. R. H. Carter elected.

² Resigned. William Ambers elected.

³ Resigned. S. P. Bailey elected.

⁴ Resigned.

⁵ Resigned. R. A. Mayo elected.

⁶ (Speaker)—Resigned. W. O. Fry elected.

Patrick,	John Staples.	Rockbridge,	S. M. Reid.
Pendleton,	James Boggs. ⁷		Francis T. Anderson
Petersburg,	Charles F. Collier. ⁸	Rockingham,	Chas. Grattan.
Pittsylvania,	John Gilmer.		John C. Woodson. ¹⁰
	A. S. Buford.		John H. Hopkins.
Pocahontas,	Jas. T. Lockridge.	Russell,	Isaac Vermillion.
Preston,	R. E. Cowan.	Scott and Wise,	James Franklin.
Prince Edward,	T. T. Tredway.	Shenandoah,	Philip Pitman.
Prince George and } Surry,	George E. Rives.		John Gatewood.
Prince William,	Seymour Lynn.	Smyth,	Charles J. Shannon.
Pulaski,	John G. Cecil.	Southampton,	Joseph H. Prince.
Rappahannock,	John G. Fletcher.	Spotsylvania,	Douglas H. Gordon. ¹¹
Richmond City,	John O. Steger. ⁹	Tazewell,	Harvey George.
	Wyndham Robertson.		Thos. H. Gillespie.
	Thomas H. Wynne.	Warren,	Sam'l W. Thomas.
Richmond Co. and } Westmoreland,	Willoughby Newton.	Washington,	David B. Clarke.
Roanoke,	Colin Bass.	Wythe,	David C. Dunn.
			Robert Crockett.

⁷ Resigned. Reuben B. Dice elected.

⁸ Resigned. H. L. Hopkins elected.

⁹ Resigned. Thomas B. Bigger elected.

¹⁰ Resigned. S. A. Coffman elected.

¹¹ Resigned. John L. Marye, jr. elected.

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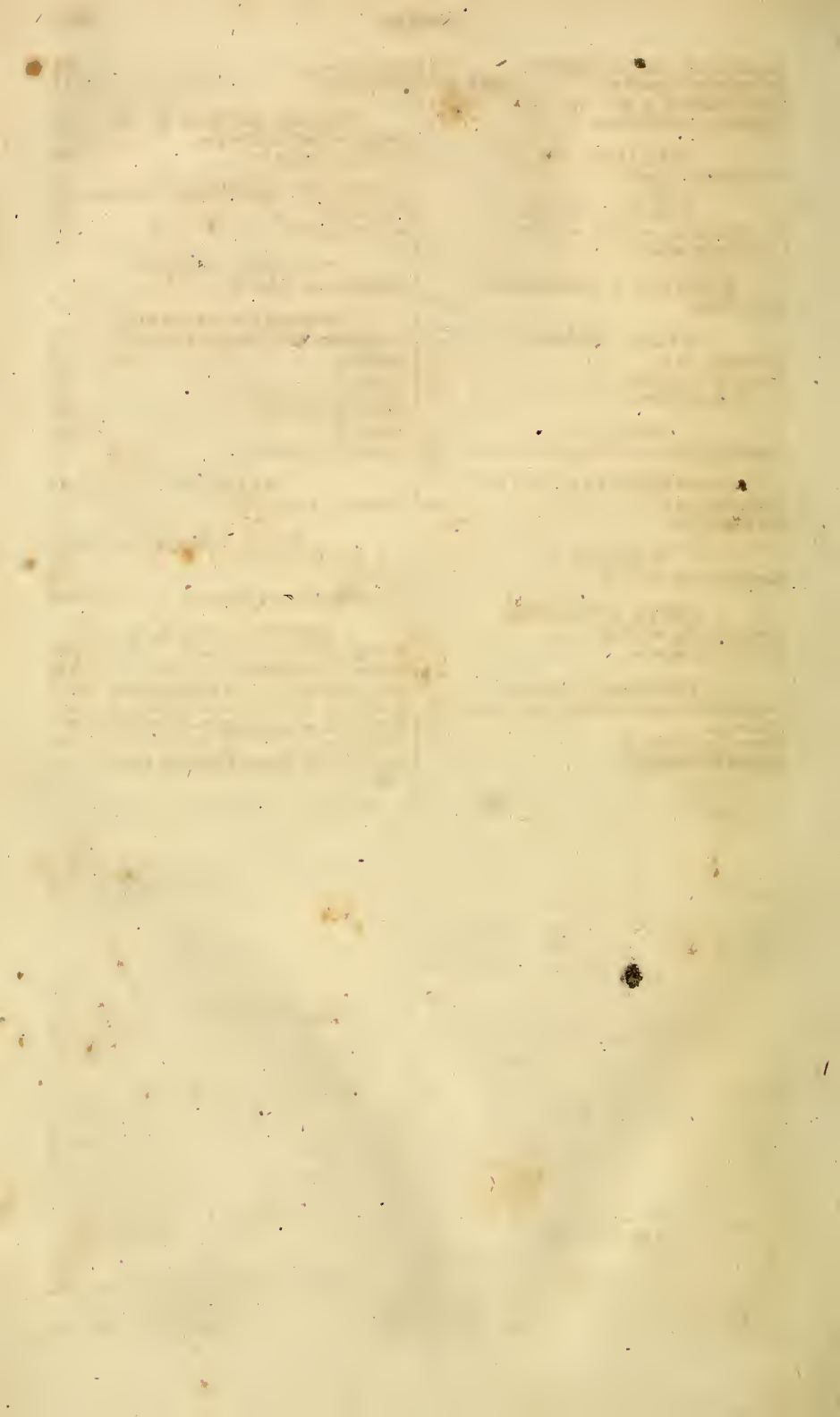
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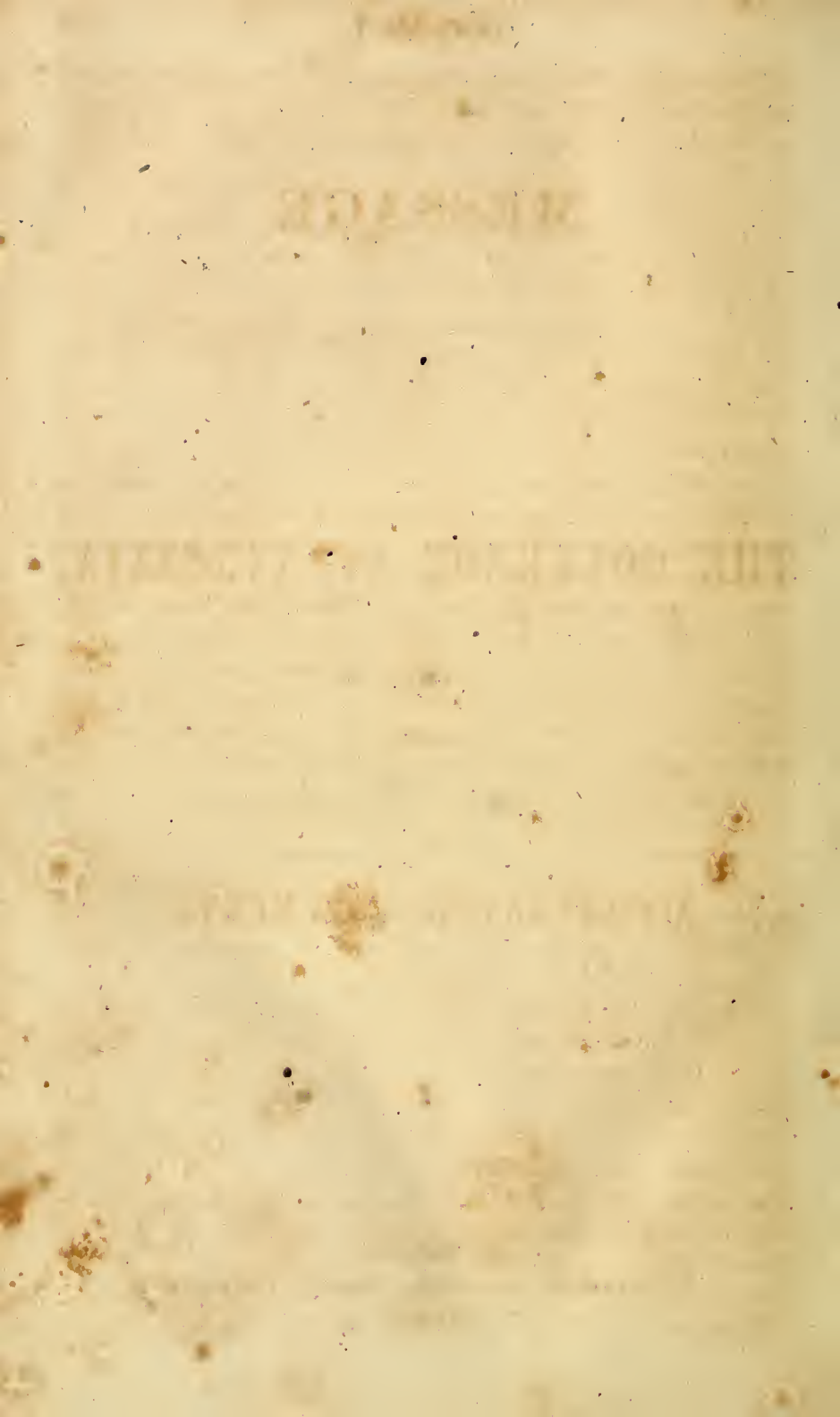
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, VA.

RICHMOND, Jan. 7, 1863.

*Gentlemen of the Senate
and House of Delegates:*

Another important and eventful year in the annals of the commonwealth and the Southern Confederacy, has passed. When the impartial historian shall have made up the record for the inspection and serious deliberation of the present and future generations, it will reflect the highest honor upon the enlightened wisdom and patriotism of our generals and subordinate officers; upon the courage, the energy and the unyielding spirit of our gallant soldiers—while the brightest page will be reserved to chronicle the noble heroism; to illustrate the self-sacrificing devotion; to celebrate the virtues and commemorate the glorious deeds of the daughters of “The Old Dominion,” and of her southern sister states.

An all-wise Providence has guided and guarded, has watched over and protected, and has stimulated and encouraged us in the effort we are making to achieve our independence. Our loved ones at home and our armies in the field have been blessed with general health. The earth has yielded in bountiful profusion every thing necessary to supply our wants and promote our comfort. Our arms and our efforts have been crowned with the most brilliant success. Our people have been cheered and exhilarated by our victories on the Chickahominy; at Cedar Run; at Manassas plains, twice baptized in blood; at the surrender of Harpers Ferry; at the battle of Sharpsburg; at the signal triumph of our arms at Fredericksburg; and finally, at Murfreesborough and at Vicksburg. The names of Lee and Johnston, and of Beauregard, of Jackson, of Longstreet and of Price, of Ewell, of the two Hills, of J. E. B. Stuart, of Forest, and of Morgan and others, will never be forgotten. The valorous deeds, the unsurpassed courage of the officers and soldiers of the Southern

Confederacy ; the sacrifices they have made, and the sufferings they have so patiently endured in the holy cause of independence, will be remembered, while freedom has a votary and justice and right an advocate.

In every thing that constitutes soldiers, our army has never been excelled in ancient or modern times. They have shown themselves ready to submit cheerfully to every sacrifice for the success of the cause. They have endured privations not less severe than those submitted to by our revolutionary ancestors, in a struggle not less important or sacred than that in which we are now engaged. Nothing but a pure love of freedom, a noble and elevated spirit of patriotism, a generous ardor in behalf of our country's independence, a determined purpose to dissolve an alliance with a people who entertained respect neither for the constitution nor laws, a people who repudiated all the glorious reminiscences of the past, could have induced officers and men, women and children to make the unparalleled sacrifices which have characterized this unnatural war, brought upon us by one whom accident elevated to the presidency of the United States in the memorable year 1860. Abraham Lincoln stands this day, in the estimation of the people who constituted a part of the United States, and before the world, as the justly detested author of the ruin of his country, and is answerable for the blood that has been shed, and the lives that have been lost upon the fields of battle. He and those who elevated him to power, inaugurated this revolution, and upon him and them will rest the curses of the present and of coming generations. As he has sown, so let him reap. On his retirement from the presidency, a doom, more fearful than that of Devergoil, awaits him.

In after times, the origin, progress and results of this revolution will furnish a theme for curious speculation and enquiry. It will be a matter of amazement that a government, great and noble as ours was, should have been sacrificed to the fell spirit of a wild and reckless fanaticism : that a large portion of the people should have been so thoughtless and so wicked as to make war upon the institutions of a minority, and drive them into revolution for their defence and preservation. But however this may be, it is certain that the Union is dissolved ; and it is equally certain that we can *never* again be reunited ; and the man who preaches the doctrine of *reconstruction*, is a traitor, and deserves a traitor's doom.

The admission of the forty-five counties of Virginia, as an independent state, by the federal congress, clearly indicates that that government has no longer a hope of accomplishing the subjugation of the south; and they are looking to boundary in the adjustment of the controversy which they have provoked. They have overrun much of our state; and this new state thus formed embraces counties both sides of the Blue Ridge. If in any adjustment the portion of our territory embraced by these counties is to be regarded as part of the northern government, it requires no prophet to decide what the future of so much as remains is to be. It is bound necessarily to be free territory. I cannot suppose, in any treaty of peace that may be agreed upon, Virginia will ever recognize this division of her territory, or ever assent to a treaty that will strip her of any portion of her domain. Nor can I think that the confederate government will ever assent to such an arrangement. Whenever a settlement shall be made, come when it may, Virginia is to be regarded as a whole, her territory is to be preserved intact, and she is to take her place in the Southern Confederacy as she separated from the old government. Her proportions are not to be diminished. Virginia is to be in the future as Virginia was in the past. She is to be as she has been, "THE OLD DOMINION," full and perfect in all respects. We cannot give up a foot of the north west nor of the middle west—not a foot on the Potomac borders, not a foot on the peninsula, nor on the bay, nor on the James river. It is better that this war should continue for an indefinite period of time, than that Virginia shall be even partially dismembered. Let every Virginian, then, kneeling at the altar, swear that the old commonwealth shall remain one and indivisible, and that he will never assent to an adjustment which will take from her one square foot of her territory.

The federal army, which has invaded this state, has been so damaged in the various battles which have taken place, that it will be difficult again to bring its power to bear upon us in the field. We have reason to believe that it has been demoralized, and that officers and men have learned a lesson, little anticipated by them when the war commenced. Be this, however, as it may, we must not relax our efforts. We must preserve our organization; perfect our plans; redouble our energies; employ all the means within our reach—and above all, we must encourage a tolerant, charitable feeling; inspire harmony and conciliation, and in every respect be prepared for every possible contingency that may occur. We have much at stake, and

it becomes us to omit nothing calculated to insure success in the struggle. Dissension and division, strife and contention, crimination and recrimination, can have no other effect than to embarrass, and perhaps defeat plans and measures, upon the success of which the present and future of our cause and country in a great measure depend. Principle is always to be respected and observed; and it is proper to remember that it is not less important as a rule for governments than for individuals. If we cannot agree upon the principle, let our protest be made, and postpone the question, and the controversy to which it may give rise, to a day of peace. If the policy indicated is not approved, postpone it to a day when it can be settled without destroying the unity and harmony of our people. It will all come right in the end. The people are honest, patriotic, intelligent—and they will decide it in such way as to preserve the honor of the country, and maintain their own rights. The questions of principle and policy are postponed merely; and we may be assured the time will come when they can be fairly and properly decided. It becomes us, therefore, to be tolerant one towards another; to bear and forbear; to cherish a kind and conciliatory spirit; to do all and suffer all that patriotism inculcates or duty enjoins upon the citizen.

A reasonable degree of common sense, judgment, prudence, patriotism and conciliation will carry us safely through this war. We must be united, if we would be successful. Concert and harmony are indispensable, and without these essential virtues, we can only anticipate disaster and inglorious defeat.

The vandalism of the northern armies is without parallel in the history of warfare. No regard has been paid to the rights of persons or of property. They have violated the one and trampled upon the other. They have arrested and imprisoned private citizens, and subjected them to every indignity and outrage: they have destroyed property that could be of no value to them, and that in all previous wars had been respected. Wardrobes have been broken open, and the wearing apparel of the ladies and their children either destroyed, or appropriated by officers high in rank, and sent to their homes in the north. Pianos and valuable furniture of all kinds have been boxed up and removed in many instances, and in others broken up, and the pieces scattered about the premises. The most wanton destruction has marked the progress of the northern army; and the cities and towns they have occupied exhibit "the abomination of

desolation." Even the lodges of the venerated order of masons were broken open and robbed of their emblems, jewels and regalia; the churches were shamefully desecrated; the Bibles torn to pieces, and scattered through the streets. Our cities, towns and counties indicate that they have been cursed by the presence of a heaven-defying and a hell-deserving rabble.

Is it not marvelous, in view of all these things, that we could so long have remained in association with such a people? This war has exhibited them in their true characters—as murderers and robbers. They have disregarded all the rules of civilized warfare. Their prisoners we take are entitled to no consideration, and if they received their deserts, they would be regularly indicted and tried for violating our state laws, and suffer the penalties which those laws annex to their crimes. The alliance between us is dissolved, never (I trust) to be renewed at any time, or under any conceivable state of circumstances. Let us achieve our independence (as it is certain we will); establish our government upon a firm and enduring basis; develop our material resources, valuable beyond all calculation, and move forward in the highway of greatness and power and influence. When the war ends, a bright and glorious future awaits us. The agriculturist, the mechanic, the manufacturer, the miner, will return to their accustomed employments: life, activity and prosperity will exhibit themselves in all branches of business: our cotton, our rice, our tobacco, our iron, our coal, our salt, will enable us to carry on trade with all parts of the world, and will give to us, amongst the nations, a respectability and character, inferior to no one of them.

The finances.

The balance in the treasury on the 1st day of October 1861 was	-	-	-	-	138,214 84
Amount received into the treasury from October 1st, 1861, to September 30th, 1862,	-	-	-	-	8,954,833 12
					<hr/> 9,093,047 96
Amount of warrants issued upon the treasury from October 1st, 1861, to September 30th, 1862,	-	-	-	-	8,658,846 45
Balance in the treasury October 1st, 1862,					<hr/> <u>\$ 434,201 51</u>

Balance in the treasury October 1st,			
1862, - - -	434,201	51	
Estimated receipts for the year ending			
September 30th, 1863, -	17,324,446	63	
			17,758,648 14
Estimated expenditures for the year ending			
September 30th, 1863, - - -			17,691,763 49
Leaving a surplus at the close of the year,			
September 30th, 1863, of the sum of - -			<u>\$ 66,884 65</u>

Treasury notes.

In the year 1861 treasury notes, <i>bearing interest</i> , were			
issued to the amount of - - -	5,025,960	00	
There have been redeemed, up to the 25th of December last, the sum of - - -	3,532,620	00	
Leaving in circulation, December 25th, 1862,	<u>\$1,493,340</u>	<u>00</u>	
Prior to October 1st, 1862, <i>non-interest bearing</i> treasury notes had been			
issued to the amount of - -	1,103,153	00	
Issued since October 1st, 1862, -	<u>1,941,954</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>\$ 3,045,107 00</u>

All the non-interest bearing treasury notes are in circulation. They circulate readily, and appear to be preferred by our citizens to any paper in circulation amongst us.

For the details and explanations of the whole financial system, the receipts and expenditures and the temporary and permanent debt of the state, I refer you to the luminous report of the auditor of public accounts, herewith transmitted.

Expenses of the war.

The total amount paid through the auditor's office for the war, is \$7,337,118 50, of which sum \$1,311,951 29 is chargeable to the Virginia state line. The report of Major Smoot will show how much of the amount drawn for the state line has been disbursed, and will also show the value of the supplies on hand; and to that report I respectfully refer you for this information.

It is cause for congratulation, that although the pecuniary burden upon Virginia has been heavy from the commencement of the war, she has sustained it with a spirit and courage worthy of her revolutionary fame. All the demands upon her that have been presented, have been promptly paid so soon as audited. No creditor has been compelled to wait longer than was necessary to adjust his accounts, and ascertain the amount to which he or she was entitled.

The salt contract and mode of distribution.

So soon as I could leave the seat of government after your adjournment, I repaired to Saltville for the purpose of executing the law in regard to the purchase and distribution of salt. I very soon found that a most perplexing and embarrassing duty had been devolved upon me; that it was surrounded with difficulties; and that it would require the exercise of great prudence and the most judicious management to accomplish the objects of the legislature, and at the same time steer clear of disagreeable and injurious conflicts with the interests of the confederate government and the governments of the states of Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and North Carolina—all of whom had entered into contracts with the proprietors of the salt works, and under which they were engaged in the manufacture of salt for the supply of the citizens of those states. These latter contracts were not made until the legislature had declined to purchase the salt works property, and were made therefore in good faith. When I went to Saltville, I found that they had made large expenditures of money, and they were at that time just beginning to enjoy the fruits of their outlay. The confederate government had also a contract for twenty-two thousand bushels of salt per month, which had been made in the year 1861, and which was then in process of execution. To have interfered with this contract, would have entailed severe suffering upon our soldiers in the field, not only for the present, but in the future, so long at least as the war should continue. County and corporation courts in our own state, as they were authorized by a special law to do, in praiseworthy efforts to relieve the wants and necessities of their people, had also made contracts, which had been partially executed by the delivery of one or more of the monthly installments provided for in the contracts. To have interfered with these, would have been to punish them for the commendable efforts they had made, and could not have resulted otherwise than in withholding from their citizens the salt they were

then actually receiving. I came to the conclusion, therefore, after the most mature consideration, not to interfere in any way with these subsisting and partially executed contracts. Had these contracts been merely executory, I might perhaps have come to a different conclusion.

There were, still other difficulties equally as embarrassing. If I should determine to take possession of the works, I must, in the first place, have had the damages assessed for the real property so seized. In the second place, I must have had timber condemned sufficient to supply the necessary amount of fuel that would be required for the operation of the works. In the third place, I must impress a sufficient number of slaves to cut and cord the wood, and a sufficient number of wagons and drivers and other labor to insure its delivery at the works. In the fourth place, I would have been compelled to impress hands experienced in the salt boiling business, and who were familiar with the process of manufacture. In the fifth place, I would have been compelled to meet the requirements of the contract which had been made with the confederate government, which your act directed me to keep inviolate. And many other things of importance, but of less consequence, would have been required to be done. The necessary result would have been, that when I had finished the payment of assessments of all kinds, I would have had very little of the appropriation left, with which to prosecute the manufacture of salt. Nineteen-twentieths of the appropriation would have been absorbed, and the people would have been in the end worse off for salt than under the present arrangement.

I therefore determined to purchase salt, if possible, that being, in my judgment, the only feasible plan for relieving, to any valuable and useful extent, the public necessities, and avoiding disagreeable conflicts, pregnant with the most mischievous results to the unity and harmony which should be cherished and cultivated between the state of Virginia and the confederate government, and all the states composing the Confederacy. The soldiers of all these states stood side by side, on the battle field, with the soldiers of Virginia, in a struggle without parallel in the history of the world, for its magnitude, and its importance to the present generation and those who are to succeed us. I was unwilling to do any thing to arouse prejudices or excite ill feeling between citizens of states where cordiality and kindness now existed, and whose sons, martyrs in a holy cause, sleep

quietly and soundly in a common grave, the dust of each commingling with the other.

Nor was I willing to interfere with the county and corporation contracts. The counties and corporations which had made these contracts, had exhibited commendable forecast and judgment in making provision for their citizens. Such a spirit I thought deserved encouragement. The contracts were made in good faith—the object was laudable, and every principle of justice, in my judgment, demanded their observance and strict fulfillment. I declined, therefore, to interfere with these contracts, so as to leave the contracting parties unembarrassed by any act of mine. Their contracts were left as I found them, in every respect undisturbed by the contract which I had made with Stuart, Palmer & Scott. All the contracts previously made were made with Stuart, Buchanan & Co., a separate and distinct firm.

A copy of my contract with Stuart, Palmer & Scott is herewith transmitted; also a copy of my proclamation, providing for the distribution of the salt acquired under that contract, and the previous proclamation issued, prohibiting the shipment of salt over the rail roads of the state.

In making the distribution, such counties only were embraced as could be reached, the object being to make the purchase available to as great an extent as possible, for the relief of the people. All doubtful counties were included in the distribution, and those only were excluded which were, in whole or in part, under the control of the enemy.

Shortly after the adjournment of the legislature, I directed Quartermaster General Smoot to adopt such measures as he might deem advisable, to procure salt from the Kanawha works. A copy of the order and instructions are herewith communicated. If the orders issued to the sheriffs of the counties had been promptly complied with, we would have secured at least one hundred thousand bushels of salt from these works; but parties in the counties immediately went to work to defeat the object of the orders. Owing to this fact, the movement of the wagons was delayed until so late a period as to prevent them from reaching the Kanawha valley before our army was compelled to retire from it. My object was therefore defeated, and the supply anticipated from this source was lost to the people of

Virginia. The report of Major Smoot on this subject is herewith transmitted.

Defeated in procuring salt from the Kanawha Salines, I determined to make an additional contract with the proprietors at Saltville. With this view, I directed my aid de camp, Col. S. Bassett French, to repair to Saltville, and make an additional contract to an amount not exceeding eighty thousand dollars, and to secure its delivery at the earliest period practicable. After much trouble and difficulty, Col. French succeeded in making a contract for thirty-four thousand bushels, deliverable in the month of March next, upon the terms specified in my contract with the parties of Scott & Co. Copies of his contract and report are herewith communicated.

I ascertained, during the visit of Col. French at Saltville, that the state line required eighteen hundred bushels for immediate use, for packing purposes for beef and pork, and I instructed him to procure the quantity required. I supposed it would be furnished without delay or difficulty; but much to my surprise, the proprietors, who had agreed to furnish so much salt as the state line might require in addition to the amount agreed to be furnished to the state, declined to supply this demand. I therefore directed Major Smoot to proceed without delay to Saltville, and impress the amount required, under the act of assembly; for which, see Code, edition of 1860, chapter 32, sections 1st and 2d. The matter was arranged, without resorting to the exercise of the power referred to. A copy of Major Smoot's report is herewith communicated.

The reports of Colonel French and Major Smoot present clear and intelligent views of their action in the important matters committed to their management. Their duties have been performed faithfully, promptly, and to my entire satisfaction.

I have endeavored to perform my duty faithfully in the execution of this act of the general assembly. It has been the most perplexing and embarrassing duty that has devolved upon me as the executive of this commonwealth. If the works had been purchased last spring, as I thought they should have been, by the state, we would have had an abundance of salt for the wants of our people, and could have realized from the property a sum sufficient to have paid the purchase money, or the greater portion of it, the past year. In future years it would have paid a handsome revenue into the treasury.

In my management of this matter I have honestly labored to meet the just expectations of the general assembly. If I have succeeded, I will be gratified. If I have failed, I will have the consciousness of knowing that I have faithfully endeavored to execute the law in its spirit and letter.

The penitentiary.

I communicate herewith, the report of the directors of the penitentiary, accompanied by the reports of the superintendent and the surgeon. Eight tables, designed to show the operations for the year ending the 30th September last, and to present a comparative view of its operations under Colonel Morgan and the late incumbent, accompany the superintendent's report. I frankly confess I do not understand these accounts, after the most careful examination. It appears from the figures that the profits on manufactures in the several wards have amounted for the year to upwards of \$35,000, and yet the balance against the institution for the same time is upwards of \$10,000. In other words, I do not see how profits should have been made upon every branch of manufactures, and yet the institution should not have been able to pay its expenses, and at the same time yield something very handsome to the state treasury.

On the 9th day of December last the aggregate number of					
convicts was	-	-	-	-	412
White male convicts,	-	-	-	240	
White female convicts,	-	-	-	3	
				—	243
Free negro male convicts,	-	-	-	25	
Free negro female convicts,	-	-	-	7	
				—	32
Male slave convicts,	-	-	-	16	
Female slave convicts,	-	-	-	10	
				—	26
Making a total in the penitentiary, of				—	<u>301</u>

There are hired out, of male free negro convicts and slave convicts, 94, and of female free negro and slave convicts, 13—making 107. In addition to these, are four children (slaves) between the ages of one and four years. Some provision of law is necessary to authorize these infants to be disposed of. Perhaps it would comport with the dictates of humanity to restore them to the former owners of the mothers, that their relatives and connexions might be afforded the

opportunity to take care of them during their infancy. In consideration of this restoration, the owner should be required to refund a portion of the value paid him by the state for the mother.

I learn from the report of the superintendent of the Georgia penitentiary, that the clear profits of this institution for the last year amounted to the sum of \$27,774 74. Of this sum \$10,000 were paid into the treasury, and the residue was reserved for the purchase of materials for the operations of the present year. The number of convicts in this institution is 242.

The late message of the governor of Alabama shows that a balance of \$27,000 is on hand, after the payment of all expenses, as the net products of the penitentiary of that state. The number of convicts in this institution is 205.

These are the results in the only states from which statistics have been received. I regret that I have received no reports from the other states of the Confederacy, showing the condition of their penitentiaries. I would be glad to compare the results of their management with the management which has characterized our own. The contrast between the management in Georgia and Alabama and our own penitentiary, is most striking, and shows how inefficient, negligent and careless has been the management here.

The total number of convicts employed in the Virginia penitentiary, in manufacturing and mechanical pursuits, last year, was 298—greater by 56 than the number in Georgia, and greater by 93 than the number in Alabama. With the demand which has existed in the south, for a year past, for the products of manufacturing and mechanical labor, the profits of the Virginia penitentiary should have been proportionally great. Instead of this, however, the result is that the institution is a burden upon the state. Of the residue of the convicts (107), the free negro and slave convicts constitute a part. They are hired to the owners of blast furnaces engaged in the manufacture of pig iron for the uses and purposes of the Southern Confederacy. The remaining convicts are in feeble health, and employed in light duties about the penitentiary and public square.

On the 16th day of November 1860, in order to procure raw materials for the use of the penitentiary, I advanced the sum of \$2,500 to the agent and storekeeper, from the contingent fund, upon the

assurance that it should be returned in sixty days, taking from him bond and security. This sum was not refunded until the 17th day of October last.

When the present agent and storekeeper entered upon his duties, very little stock was on hand, and that little was unsaleable; and as his predecessor had failed to pay the amount due in his hands, means with which to purchase materials were wanting. The convicts were unemployed and had been unemployed much of the year, and it was necessary that funds should be provided with which to procure materials and supplies. I accordingly advanced five thousand dollars from the contingent fund; which was applied to these objects, and work was again resumed. It has been found exceedingly difficult for the last year to procure materials and supplies as they were needed; but if prudence, forecast and energy had been exhibited by those charged with the management, an ample stock could have been laid in for the year's operations. This is conclusively demonstrated in the cases of Georgia and Alabama; and what has been done in those states could have been done in Virginia, if those invested with the management and control had possessed ordinary business qualifications.

I have made recommendations in regard to this institution, in several previous messages; which it is not necessary here to repeat, but to which I now again invite your attention; and I particularly invite the attention of the committees on the penitentiary to them. I regard many of them as of the first importance; and unless some legislation to carry them out shall be speedily adopted, serious mischiefs will in my judgment result.

On the night of the 5th of December last three convicts escaped from the penitentiary, and a fourth was seriously injured in the attempt to escape. So soon as the fact was made known to me, I ordered an investigation to be made. The report from the directors has been received, and is herewith transmitted.

The same men who succeeded in making their escape on the 5th of December last, made an ineffectual effort to escape in the month of April previous. The same *interior* guard was on duty on both occasions, and were found asleep in the guard room, if I am correctly informed. A law punishing such neglect of duty should be passed immediately, and the punishment should be sufficiently severe to

cure the evil. Such carelessness and negligence might result in the most serious and alarming consequences, and it behooves us to apply the proper remedy at the earliest moment.

Compensation of clerks.

I transmit herewith the proceedings of a meeting of the clerks of the several departments of the government of the state, asking for an increase of compensation, upon the principles of the bill passed by congress at the last session. It is absolutely necessary that some action shall be immediately taken upon this subject, or we will lose all our most valuable and efficient clerks. Already several of our best clerks have resigned and entered the service of the confederate government, where the pay is better. The salaries paid by the state are not sufficient for their support in this day of extravagant prices; and they have therefore been driven, by stern necessity, to seek new positions, where the compensation will secure them the means of living.

It is the pride and boast of our state that the several departments of the government have been managed by competent officers, and the public business has been dispatched promptly and efficiently. This has been owing mainly to the fact that our clerks were kept in office so long as they were faithful and attentive to their duties; and being familiar with the law and its requirements, they dispatched business accurately and promptly. Clerks of intelligence, educated in the branches of business in their several departments; familiar with all the details, and experienced in the performance of their duties, are invaluable in the management of the operations of government. Of such is the corps of Virginia clerks composed; and we should have wisdom enough to adopt a policy which will retain them in our service. The heads of the departments have important duties to perform, that engross much the larger portion of their time, and it cannot be expected that they can educate a new set of clerks every six or twelve months. I can conceive of nothing better calculated to prejudice the public business, delay its execution, and to produce confusion, than frequent changes of the clerical force, which the government is compelled to employ in its service. Such results ought to be avoided, and they can be avoided by doing sheer justice only to this deserving class of public officers. The adoption of the policy inaugurated by congress will solve the problem, and retain in the service of Virginia a corps of clerks inferior to none in the service of either of the states of the Confederacy.

Forgery of warrants on the treasury.

Since your late adjournment, forgeries to a large amount upon the treasury have been discovered. When the fact became known to me, I instructed the first auditor and treasurer to make a report of the amount of the forgeries, and all the attendant circumstances. The report of these officers is herewith communicated, and will furnish full information as to their number and amount, and the facts connected with, as well as the result of the examination of the party suspected, which took place before the mayor of Richmond. The genuine signatures of the auditor and treasurer are attached to but one of the warrants. This warrant is for \$596, and was paid by the Farmers Bank of Virginia. All the others were absolute forgeries, and are losses sustained by the banks, and not by the state. When they are examined, it is surprising, with the erasures and interlineations upon the face, they did not excite suspicion, and thus lead to the arrest of the guilty parties who presented them at the banks for payment. I commend the subject to your attention.

The land office.

In a previous message, I presented my views in regard to this department, and amongst other things, recommended that the issue of patents should cease. I am satisfied that there must be very little if any vacant land in the state; and under these circumstances, the issuance of patents is calculated to encourage fraud, and furnish the means of imposition upon the ignorant and unsuspecting: and besides, the continuance of the present system is well calculated to keep land titles unsettled, and thereby increase litigation. Population is not likely to seek a settlement where titles are uncertain, and where parties are compelled to take with their purchases the expenses of long and angry controversies.

Since the state withdrew from the federal Union, I have taken the responsibility of refusing to sign patents for land in the disloyal counties, and in other counties I have withheld my signature, where I had no satisfactory assurance that the parties applying for the patents were loyal and faithful citizens, true alike to the state and the Confederacy. It is impossible to procure conclusive evidence in these cases; and the consequence has been, that the register and myself have been compelled to rely on such information as we could get from persons visiting the capital.

I recommend, therefore, that the issue of land patents be discontinued, and that the books and papers be confided to the custody of the register, who can respond to all calls for patents and plats as they may be required by parties, in connection with legal controversies now existing, or which may hereafter arise, growing out of conflicts to titles for lands.

Act concerning slaves for work on fortifications.

This act, which passed near the close of your last session, requires amendment in several respects; and I invite your early attention to the modifications I suggest.

The first provision of the law is defective in this, that it does not prescribe with certainty the mode of ascertaining the slave population of the counties, cities and towns. The calls made upon me under this law have been predicated upon the census of 1860; and in many of the counties, cities and towns called upon, the slave population, by the casualties of the war, has been very seriously reduced; and in addition, the draft falls with peculiar severity upon the people, who can illy afford to part with their available labor. They have been severe sufferers from the war, by the reduction of their laboring force and the overrunning of their territory, and some regard should be paid to these considerations in all such cases.

In the second place—the act requires the confederate government to pay the value of all slaves that may escape and not return to their owners, or that may be seized or killed by the public enemy, or by the want of due diligence, or lost in any other manner, or that shall be injured by want of proper care. But it contains no provision declaring the manner by which the value of the slave is to be ascertained before he enters the service. The law should be explicit upon this point; and when the value is ascertained, it should be regarded as conclusive. When I have been consulted in regard to it, I have made it a rule to advise that it was the duty of the courts either to fix the value, or designate reliable and judicious men to do so, and file the record of valuation in the clerk's office of the county court.

In the third place—the act declares, “slaves hired by individuals having other slaves, shall be regarded as in the possession of their owners, and classed accordingly in regard to confederate service.” In many instances which have been brought to my notice, the owner

and the hirer have been charged with the same slaves, and both have been required to make contributions upon this basis of calculation. This is clearly unjust, and could not have been contemplated when the act was passed. An owner of slaves may have fifty, and all the valuable males may be hired, leaving none in his possession except women and children. How is such an one to comply with the requisition, without withdrawing his hired slaves, and thereby incur the hazard of losing his hires, by taking the slaves away without the consent of the party hiring them? In such cases, the owners could, if the law permitted it to be done, substitute free negroes, who would in many instances be entirely willing to render service for the compensation provided by the law, especially as this sum would be increased by the sum each would receive from the owner. An amendment authorizing the adoption of the policy indicated would, in my judgment, be wise, and would give great relief in many portions of the state. I do not see that the principle of substitution would operate prejudicially in any respect.

In the fourth place—the governor is required to equalize (as nearly as may be) the burden between the counties, cities and towns, and also between the citizens, due regard being had to the number of slaves theretofore furnished for confederate service. It is impossible to perform this duty, because the slaves have not been heretofore ordered into service by the governor, nor have rolls, showing the service, been returned to him. Hence I have relied upon the chief of the engineer bureau of the confederate government, who has all this information in his possession; and I am glad to believe that in making the calls, this requirement of the law has been carefully observed.

This law is exceedingly distasteful to many of our citizens—not because they are unwilling to make all necessary sacrifices for the cause and the country, but because the law is so indefinite in its terms, that there has been no uniform construction. The amendments indicated would, I think, have the effect of removing the objections of many, and if the law is to continue for any considerable length of time, would perhaps reconcile the people to it.

The war has operated most oppressively on our people in Virginia, and it becomes us, while we perform our duty to ourselves and to the confederate government, so to frame our legislation as to make the burden bear as lightly as possible upon them. We have already lost untold millions in slave and other personal property and in the

devastation of our territory. Our losses have been very heavy—exceeding greatly, I apprehend, the losses of the people of any other state, in this war. Our citizens have submitted to them, with a fortitude in the highest degree commendable. The multiplied wrongs and outrages inflicted upon them by the enemy, have had no other effect than to strengthen their resolution, and arouse them to a more determined purpose to succeed in the struggle in which we are engaged.

Rucker's case.

The confederate government turned over to me this notorious criminal, for trial for his numerous offences against the laws of Virginia, on the 6th day of October last. He was immediately sent to Alleghany county, and was subsequently indicted by the grand jury in several cases. As the cases possess uncommon interest and importance, I felt it to be my duty to instruct the attorney general to attend and aid in conducting the prosecution. The report of this distinguished and able officer is herewith transmitted, and to it I refer you for full information respecting the proceedings, as far as they have progressed.

Justices of the peace and other officers.

I have received information that several of the justices of the peace in Mercer county have taken an oath of allegiance to the federal government. The first question that presented itself was, whether their offices thereby became vacant. This question was presented to the attorney general for his opinion, and I regret to say that this experienced officer can find “no law vacating their offices *ipso facto*.” As there are doubtless many cases of like kind in the state, I earnestly invoke your attention to the adoption of the necessary legislation to relieve the state from all such unworthy officers. The cases can be reached by investing the county courts with authority, where the fact is established, to declare the offices vacant. The law should be made applicable to sheriffs, coroners, clerks, constables, &c.

Legislative resolutions.

A resolution, requesting information as to “whether any free negroes claiming to be from the United States, invading the soil of this state in violation of its laws, and captured by the armies of the Confederate States, have been surrendered by the confederate authorities;

and if so, upon what ground such surrender has been made," was adopted by the house of delegates September 22d last. On the same day I transmitted a copy of the resolution to the honorable secretary of war, with the request in writing that he would furnish the information desired, at his earliest convenience. On the 21st November last a reply was received from the assistant secretary of war, enclosing a report from Commissioner Ould, both of which accompany this communication.

The senate adopted a resolution September 24th last, requesting the governor "to enquire of the confederate authorities, 1st, what number of slaves and free negroes have been captured by our armies; 2d, what disposition has been made of the same; 3d, how the owners of said slaves may obtain possession of them:" and the governor was "further requested to procure a list of the said slaves, and of their owners' names, so far as practicable, and cause the same to be published for general information; and that he also be requested to communicate the same to the senate." This resolution was transmitted to the honorable secretary of war, on the day of its adoption, with a request, in writing, for the information asked for, at his earliest convenience. No answer has been received to this application; and I have therefore been unable to carry out the instructions of the senate.

The lunatic asylums.

I have received a report from the directors of the asylum at Staunton, and am gratified to assure you that it continues to be managed with the ability and success which has ever characterized its accomplished superintendent. The institution is filled with patients, and I regret to say that numerous applicants of this unfortunate class of our citizens for admission, have to be rejected. With every disposition to accommodate, it is found impossible to receive another patient.

The enemy still being in possession of Williamsburg, I have been unable to procure reliable information as to the condition and management of the asylum located at that place. I have, however, ascertained, that shortly after the city was taken, Doctor Galt and the assistant physician both departed this life. Their places have been supplied by two physicians from the north, and at the latest dates they continued in the performance of their duties. All the

officers who were in charge when the enemy took possession of the place, resigned, because they were required to take an oath of allegiance to the federal government. Subsequently, the larger portion, at the request of the federal authorities, resumed their places, and are still in office. It is just to them to state that nothing was said about the oath when they returned, and they have exhibited their devotion to the commonwealth, by adhering to her fortunes, and refusing to acknowledge their allegiance to the government of our enemies.

Two discharged patients made their way to Richmond some weeks since. They informed me that the medical attendants were faithful and attentive, and they believed were well qualified for their positions. The supplies were ample for their support, but were badly prepared, owing to the difficulty of controlling the servants. They further stated that when their orders of discharge were delivered, they were informed that neither money nor provisions could be furnished, and they must make their way to Richmond as best they could. After much toil and suffering, they arrived here; and after being informed of their destitute condition, I applied for their relief, from the civil contingent fund, a sum sufficient to enable them to reach their homes. The one resided in Pittsylvania, and the other in Floyd county.

Some months ago, having heard the most distressing reports as to the condition of the lunatics, I determined to enquire into the truth of these reports, by sending Col. Ewell, late president of William and Mary college, and Mr. Custis of the house of delegates, to make a careful examination, and report the results. General G. W. Smith, a gallant officer, and a kind hearted and humane gentleman, readily assented to allow a flag of truce; but the federal authorities refused to permit these gentlemen to pass within their lines. This attempt on my part to relieve these poor helpless people was thus defeated, and I am therefore unable to speak more definitely respecting the management of the institution and the condition of its inmates.

I cannot permit this occasion to pass, without placing on record my unqualified condemnation of the action of the federal authorities in this matter, and my protest against it, as a scandalous outrage upon the principles of civilization and the dictates of christian humanity.

William and Mary college.

This is the oldest literary institution in this country, with the single exception of Harvard university. The original charter of the college was granted by William and Mary on the 8th day of February in the year 1692, and it has continued an institution of learning of high character and great merit, dispensing the benefits and blessings of education to thousands, up to the period when this war broke out. Its graduates and students and their descendants are to be found in almost all the states that constituted the late United States. No institution has done more for the cause of education, science and literature, than this venerable college.

Three times has it been reduced to ashes. It was first destroyed and rebuilt in the year 1721; again in the year 1857, and rebuilt by voluntary contributions—and finally destroyed in the summer of 1862, after the enemy had taken possession of the city of Williamsburg. The buildings had been used as a place of deposit by the enemy for their commissary and quartermaster stores; and it was not until these were removed, as I am informed, that the buildings were burned. Thus, we have another evidence of the vandal spirit which animates the yankee army. The antiquity of an institution of learning, or the benefits it has conferred upon mankind, secures no protection against such a foe as we are fighting. With them nothing is sacred. Neither personal rights, private property nor charitable or literary institutions are entitled to their respect or protection. Their mission is the subjugation of the south, and they are foolish enough to think their policy will strike terror to the hearts of the southern people, and finally force them into subjection to northern power. What a miscalculation! The outrages they have committed, the enormities they have perpetrated, have aroused and inflamed the southern mind, and have intensified southern feeling to an extent that will do all, dare all, and submit to all that northern diabolism can inflict, before they will ever consent to a reconstruction of the government of the United States. They have “poured the sweet milk of concord into hell,” and our future relations must be those of enemies.

Virginia military institute.

I transmit the report of the board of visitors of the military institute for the year ending June 30, 1862, accompanied by the reports

of the superintendent, the surgeon and the treasurer, and also the correspondence between General T. J. Jackson, commanding confederate forces, requesting the services of the cadets in his proposed attack on Millroy, and General F. H. Smith, superintendent, to which I invite your particular attention. I regard these as decidedly the most interesting reports that have emanated from the officers of the institute since its organization. The report of the intelligent superintendent cannot fail to interest most deeply every son of Virginia, and he will rise from its perusal with a feeling of pride in learning what services have been rendered in this struggle for independence by its cadets. This institution has done much to aid our cause, and its elevés have rendered services in this war, which have amply compensated Virginia for all the expenditures she has been called upon to make. Indeed, it is difficult to estimate its value; but it is easy for even the casual observer to see that we would have been most seriously embarrassed in the origin of the war, if we had not been able at that important moment to call upon this educated military talent to aid in drilling and organizing our inexperienced volunteers.

The institute has furnished eight brigadier generals, fifty-six colonels, thirty-nine lieutenant colonels, thirty-eight majors, one hundred and ten captains, one hundred and sixteen lieutenants, twelve aids de camp, twenty-six adjutants of regiments, and thirty-four assistant adjutant generals, surgeons, quartermasters and commissaries—making a total of four hundred and forty. Of these, fifty-seven have been killed, and seventy-three wounded in battle, and eight have died in service—making a total of one hundred and thirty-eight. When it is recollected that these results are founded upon incomplete returns, we may well conclude that the Virginia military institute has rendered services valuable beyond comparison with those rendered by any other similar institution in the Confederacy. Its claims, therefore, upon the state are strong, and whatever aid may be required to enlarge its sphere of usefulness, will meet with a ready response from the general assembly, especially when it is considered that this war may last for years.

The number of cadets at the institute at this time is upwards of two hundred and fifty. All the embarrassments and difficulties which attended the reopening of the institute in January last (and they were many), have been happily overcome by the indomitable perseverance, energy and judgment of the superintendent and his as-

sistants. The school is in a most flourishing condition—more so than at any previous period in its history. The number of cadets could have been much increased, if accommodations could have been provided for all who made application for admission.

I invite your attention to the report of the surgeon, and particularly to that portion which relates to increased hospital accommodations. His suggestions are sound, in my judgment, and I commend them to the favorable consideration of the legislature.

University of Virginia.

I have received no report or other authentic information as to the condition of this valuable institution, since it was reopened. If information shall be received during your session, it will be specially communicated.

Extortion.

In the laws and moral government of God, extortion is considered a high crime; and the extortioner is uniformly associated in his Word, with idolaters, with the covetous, thieves, drunkards, adulterers, fornicators and revilers. Against this prevailing crime and those who commit it, the president of the Confederate States, in a recent communication, appeals to me to invoke action on the part of the general assembly. He says, "I beg respectfully to ask the aid of the executives of the several states in recommending to the several legislatures," "the adoption of some measures to suppress the shameful extortion now practiced upon the people by men who can be reached by no moral influence, and who are worse enemies of the Confederacy than if found in arms among the invading forces. The armies in the field, as well as the families of soldiers and others of the people at home, are the prey of these mercenaries; and it is only through state action that their traffic can be suppressed. Their condign punishment is ardently desired by every patriot."

I cordially endorse all that the president says in this extract from his letter. If the members of the general assembly could have heard, as I have been compelled to hear, day after day, the appeals of mothers and sisters and children of soldiers, whose husbands, brothers and fathers are now and have been, from the commencement of this atrocious war, in the field defending the freedom and protecting the persons and property of these extortioners, they would feel the necessity of doing something for their relief.

Mothers, respectable in appearance, of refined manners, who have evidently seen better days, have come to me with children in their arms, and whose husbands were in the field, and have appealed to me to secure them some place where they and their little ones could be sheltered from the storm. They had been turned out of their houses, and were unable to secure others in which to live. Rents had increased, and they could not pay them out of the small pittance received by their husbands for their services. Avarice clutched every cent that could be had, in the way of increase for rent, bread and all family necessities; and the wife of the soldier being outbid, she had of course to surrender her home. This should not be. The soldier's family should be protected and provided for, and he should have it to say, when he returns, the government has protected those who were dearer to me than life, while I have been absent fighting its battles for freedom. If he is assured his family is protected, he will fight cheerfully for his country, and will bless the country and uphold its institutions when peace shall be established. In all after time, as a general principle, he will be found a true and loyal citizen, faithful to the governments, state and confederate.

A single example will show what enormous profits are being made in one branch of manufacture in our state. I have it from undoubted authority, that a cotton manufacturing company has already divided seventy-five per cent. of profits, and will divide twenty-five per cent. more at the close of the year—making a clear profit in twelve months, of one hundred per cent. upon the capital stock. Other branches of manufacture are doubtless paying profits equally large, exhibiting an unhealthy condition of things, that requires the application of severe remedies. If the extortioner will not release his gripe, let the legislature so frame the tax bill as to make him contribute a fair proportion of his enormous gains to the support of the government. As long as he can make such profits, the war is a blessing to him, and its termination the last thing he desires to see brought about. He thinks alone of his gains—not of his country nor his country's cause.

The conscription bill, in its operation, takes possession of individuals, and puts them in service in our armies, without *their consent*. If the persons of men can be taken for the service of the country, why cannot property and the enormous profits of the extortioner be taken possession of in the same summary mode, to aid the country's cause? Is property acquired, or profits wrung by the extortioner

from the necessities of the people, more sacred than the person of the citizen? The personal liberty of the citizen rises far above all questions of property, or pecuniary profits, under our government.

The law presented at your last session is in most respects a good one; and I recommend that you take it up, amend it as you may think necessary, preserving the principle on which it is founded, and pass it. I am of opinion it will produce good results.

The prisoners captured by the state line.

One hundred and eighteen of the prisoners captured by the state line in the brilliant affairs at Prestonsburg and Pikeville in Kentucky, arrived here on the morning of the 27th of last month. I have had preparations made for their safe keeping, and I have announced to the president of the United States the terms upon which exchanges can alone be made. In the mean time I have placed in the penitentiary, and put at hard work, Capt. Gramm and Lieut. Wade, who are to remain at hard work as hostages for Capt. Duskey and Lieut. Vanner, now in confinement in the district penitentiary at Washington city.

I have also placed in solitary confinement Captain Thomas Damron and Lieutenant Wilson Damron, and privates John W. Howe, Isaac Goble, David V. Auxier, Samuel Pack and William S. Dills, who are held as hostages for the gallant Zarvona, who has been in confinement since July 1861, and who has been treated (if the half I hear is true) with a brutality unparalleled in the history of civilized warfare. Five others, deserters from the confederate service, have been turned over for trial. The other prisoners are confined and treated as prisoners of war, not to be released (with my consent) until some general rule shall be adopted in regard to prisoners and private citizens, which shall be just and honorable to the people of Virginia, and which will preserve their rights in future.

I rejoice at this capture, made by General Floyd, as it furnishes me the opportunity to demonstrate that Virginia is a sovereign state, with the power and the will on the part of her executive to defend the officers holding her commissions, and protect her citizens. If the state line shall accomplish no other result than it has effected, it will have established its reputation for valuable service, and will have secured an honorable place in history, connected with this war.

I invite your attention to the report of Major General Floyd, herewith communicated, and I commend it to your consideration. It will doubtless prove highly interesting to the general assembly, and will satisfy them that the state force has accomplished valuable results—results showing it deserving of the fostering care of the legislature. It has captured stores and other property equal in value to near half a million of dollars, and has effected the demoralization of the opposing force, and inspired a wholesome dread amongst them. This raid has been pronounced by the enemy one of the most destructive they have suffered; and Major General Floyd deserves the thanks of Virginia for the judgment in its conception, and the skill and energy he has displayed in its execution. Give him his ten thousand men, and he will do more for western Virginia than any other commander is likely to accomplish, for the relief of that section of the state. Colonel Clarkson and his gallant boys are not to be forgotten.

The state rangers.

Under the act organizing the companies of rangers, the term of service was declared to be twelve months. In the month of August last I directed all the companies to report to Major General Floyd. This gentleman had, at the request of the general assembly, been commissioned a major general, and I deemed it advisable, therefore, to place all state forces under his command. The term of service of some of the companies has expired; but regarding the defence of western Virginia as of the utmost importance, and knowing of no means of defence likely to prove so successful, I have retained them. Under all the circumstances, I thought it advisable to await the assembling of the legislature, when such action could be taken as would be considered wise and proper. So long as the state line shall be kept up, I consider it judicious to retain the rangers, to act in concert with the forces of the state line, and to be under the command of General Floyd. It is, however, for you to determine whether they shall be disbanded at the end of twelve months, or whether they shall be retained in service for a longer time.

The report of the adjutant general.

I commend this report to your consideration. The necessity of organizing a force for home defence, at this time, will strike the minds of the general assembly. It is of the first importance; and I commend its suggestions to your consideration and approval. They ap-

pear to me in all respects to be eminently judicious and proper, under the circumstances; and emanating from so experienced an officer they are entitled to great consideration and favor.

Ordnance department.

The report of the ordnance department is herewith presented, and shows that the valuable officer at the head of it has discharged his duty with that fidelity and ability which he has always heretofore exhibited. He has rendered valuable services from the beginning of the war to the present time. His attention, his energy, industry and practical judgment have been fully developed, in this important position, and the state owes him a large debt of gratitude.

The quartermaster general's department.

The duties of this department have been discharged with consummate skill, ability, industry and fidelity. Col. Smoot has been in the service of the state since the war commenced; and a more untiring and laborious officer I have never known in any service. His business has been managed with system and order; his accounts have been regularly settled to the satisfaction of the auditing board; and he has been prompt in the execution of the orders which have been from time to time issued to him. His purchases for the state line, in price and quality, will compare most favorably with those made for the confederate government, by its officers and agents, during the same period. He and his subordinates deserve well of the state.

Free negroes and slaves.

I suggest whether it would not be wise to enact a law requiring all free negroes now resident in those portions of the state which have been overrun by the enemy, to be removed and put to work upon the fortifications. In their present position in the peninsula and other portions of this commonwealth, they have it in their power to do us serious mischief, not only by tampering with our slaves, but in communicating valuable information to the enemy. The slaves ought also to be removed at the same time, and employed in like manner, if the owners would consent to the arrangement. I advise, therefore, that you pass a law authorizing confederate commanders to arrest the free negroes, list them, and deliver them over to the proper officer of the confederate government, for this or any other

service in which labor is required. They will receive good wages, and be provided with rations. When the danger passes by, they can return to their homes.

Many reasons could be urged in support of this suggestion, but I do not deem it necessary to present them, as they will readily occur to the minds of the members of the general assembly. Suffice it to say that there is a strong necessity for some action on this subject, and it ought to be taken at the earliest practicable moment.

Death of Hon. Wm. Ballard Preston

Since your adjournment this distinguished gentleman has departed this life, and one of your earliest duties will be to select a successor to fill his place in the Confederate States senate.

Mr. Preston was a gentleman of the most estimable character, of brilliant talents, highly improved by cultivation. In the domestic and social circles he was an ornament. As a statesman, he was liberal in his views, ardently devoted to his country and its welfare, but with his whole heart he loved Virginia. Around her his affections were entwined as the tendrils of the ivy encircle the majestic oak.

During the session of the convention, and his service in the provisional congress and in the confederate senate, it was my good fortune to see much of him, and to confer freely with him on questions of the utmost importance to our beloved commonwealth. His views were presented with singular clearness and force, and our interviews were always pleasant and profitable to me. He recognized Virginia as the noble mother to whom he owed his allegiance, but never forgot his duties to the confederate government. As an orator he had few equals, and was remarkable alike for the grace and elegance of his elocution. He was a pure and good man, and in all the relations of life, public and private, he performed, faithfully and unostentatiously, his duties to his family, his friends and his country. He has been called from the theatre of action at a most interesting period in the history of our country, and well may Virginia mourn over the loss of so cherished and valued a son.

His race has been run; the goal has been reached, and he has gone to the grave, adorned with the highest honors that his state could confer. It is left for us to emulate his virtues, to imitate his example, and profit by the lesson his life inculcates.

Representation in the legislature.

It is necessary that some action shall be taken by you at this session in regard to representation from those portions of the state under the control of the enemy. An election for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and members of the general assembly, will come off in May next; and unless some legislative action is had now, the counties in the enemy's possession will have no opportunity of voting. This result should not be permitted to occur, if it can possibly be avoided. I suggest, therefore, that you pass a law similar in its provisions to the ordinance passed by the convention on this subject. It is but just to our gallant soldiers that they shall have a voice in the selection of their state officers and representatives in the general assembly; and it is equally just that the loyal men of all the counties of the commonwealth shall be represented. Our action should show that we do not intend to abandon any portion of Virginia; and our legislation can certainly be so shaped as to indicate this purpose in the most distinct manner. The citizens in the enemy's lines, whose loyalty to the commonwealth has been so thoroughly tested for the last eighteen months, have a right to expect that they shall be allowed to enjoy all the rights and privileges which legislation can confer.

Maryland.

I do not despair of Maryland. I have strong faith and an abiding conviction that this state is destined to constitute a part of the Southern Confederacy. I believe now, as I have uniformly believed, that a decided majority of her people are with us in feeling and in sentiment, and when they shall be permitted to give a free expression of their sentiments, they will so declare. Why should they not? Their interests and the interests of Virginia are identical. The ties of consanguinity and of marriage, of kindred institutions and similarity of pursuit—every tie indeed that is calculated to unite and bind people together, exists between Maryland and Virginia. The land of Carroll and of Howard, of Ringgold and of Watson, will seek an alliance with congenial spirits in the Southern Confederacy. Her proud spirited and patriotic daughters would repudiate with scorn any other association for their fathers, husbands, brothers and sons. And how could these daughters, who have exhibited such interest in the southern cause, and have uniformly shown such sympathy and manifested

such kindness and attention to our brave soldiers whom the casualties of war have thrown amongst them, ever assent to any other association than with their noble southern sisters? The destiny of Maryland is with the south. That destiny will be accomplished.

Conclusion.

May the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, who has watched over us with such benignant care; dispensed blessings with so liberal and generous a hand; crowned our arms with such brilliant success, and preserved us from the horrors of subjugation, still protect and defend us against the wiles and machinations of our unscrupulous enemies, and in his own good time, establish our independence.

Respectfully,

JOHN LETCHER.

